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ANNO PRIMO REGINÆ ELIZABETHÆ.

At the Parliament

begunne at Weſtminſter, the xxiii. of January, in the fyrſte yeere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, Queene, defender of the fayth, &c.

And there prorogued vntil the xxv. of the ſame moneth, at whyche and there holden, kept, and continued, vntyll the diſſolution of the ſame, beyng the eyght day of May then next enſuyng, were enacted as followeth.

1559.

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The fyrste Chapter.

MOste humbly beseeche your moste excellent Maiestie, your louyng subiectes the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this your present Parliament assembled, that where in tyme of the reigne of your moste deare father of worthie memorie kyng Henry the eyght diuers good lawes and statutes were made and established, as well for the vtter extinguishment and puttyng away of all vsurped and forreigne powers and authorities out of this your Realme, and other your highnesse dominions and countreys, as also for the reioyning and vnityng to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme, the auncient iurisdictions, authorities, superiorities, and preheminencie to the same of right belongyng and appertaynyng, by reason whereof, we your most humble and obedient subiectes from the .xvb. yeere of the reigne of your sayde deare father, were continually kept in good order, and were disburdened of diuers great and intollerable charges and exactions, before that tyme vnlawfully taken, and exacted by suche forreigne power and authoritie as before that was vsurped, vntyll suche tyme as all the sayde good lawes and statutes, by one Acte of Parliament made in the fyrst and seconde yeeres of the reignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, your highnesse sister, entituled, An Acte repealyng all statutes, articles, and prouisions made against the lea Apostolique of Rome, since the .xx. yeere of kyng Henry the eyght, and also for the establishment of all Spirituall and Ecclesiasticall possessions and hereditamentes conueyed to the laytie, were all clerely repealed and made voyde, as by the same Acte of repeale more at large doth and may appeare. By reason of which acte of repeale, your sayde humble subiectes were eftsoones brought vnder an vsurped forreigne power and authoritie, and yet doo remayne in that bondage, to the intollerable charges of your louyng subiectes,

yf some redresse (by auctoritie of this your hygh court of Parliament, with thassent of your hygh nesse) be not had and prouided.

May it therefore please your hyghnesse, for the repressyng of the said vsurped forreigne power, and the restorying of the ryghtes, iurisdictions, and preheminences appertaynyng to the Imperiall Crowne of this your Realme, that it may be enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde acte made in the sayd fyrst and second yeeres of the reignes of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and all and euery braunche, clauses, and articles therein conteyned (other then such braunches, clauses, and sentences, as hereafter shalbe excepted) may from the last day of this Session of Parliament, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, be repealed, and shal from thencefoorth be vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

And that also for the reuyuing of dyuers of the sayd good lawes and statutes made in the tyme of your sayde deare father, it may also please your hyghnesse, that one acte and statute made in the .xxiii. yeere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An Acte that no person shalbe cited out of the dioces where he or she dwelleth, except in certayne cases. And one other Acte made in the .xxviii. yeere of the reigne of the sayde late kyng, entituled, An Acte that appeales in suche cases as haue ben vsed to be pursued to the sea of Rome, shal not be from henceforth had ne vsed, but within this Realme. And one other acte made in the .xxv. yeere of the sayde late kyng, concernyng restraynt of payment of annates and fyrste fruites of Archbyshoprickes, and Byshoprickes, to the sea of Rome. And one other acte in the sayde .xxv. yeere, entituled, An acte concernyng the submission of the Clergie to the kynges Maiestie: and also one acte made in the sayd .xxv. yere entituled, An acte restraynyng the payment of annates or fyrst fruites to the Byshop of Rome, and of the electyng and consecratyng of Archbyshoppes, and Byshoppes, within this Realme. And one other acte made in the sayde .xxv. yeere, entituled, An act concernyng the exoneration of the kinges subiectes from exactions and impositions heretofore payd to the sea of Rome, and for hauing licences and dispensations within this Realme, without suyng further for the same. And one other acte made in the .xxvi. yeere of the sayde late kyng, entituled, An acte for nomination and consecration of Suffragans within this Realme. And also one other acte made in the .xxviii. yeere of the reigne of the sayde late kyng, entituled, And acte for the release of suche as haue obteyned pretended licences and dispensations from the sea of Rome, and all and euery braunches, wordes, and sentences in the sayde seuerall actes and statutes conteyned, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, from and at all tymes after the last day of this session of Parliament, shalbe reuiued, and shal stande and be in full

full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And that the braunches, sentences, and wordes of the sayde seuerall actes, and euery of them, from thencefoorth shall and may be iudged, deemed, and taken to extende to your highnes, your heyres and successours, as fully and largely as euer the same actes, or any of them, did extende to the sayde late king Henry the eyght, your highnesse father.

And that it may also please your highnesse, that it may be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that so muche of one acte or statute made in the .xxxii. yeere of the reigne of your sayde deare father king Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte concerninge precontractes of marriages, and touchinge degrees of consanguinitie, as in the tyme of the late king Edwarde the syxth, your highnesse moste deare brother, by one other acte or statute was not repealed. And also one acte made in the .xxxvii. yeere of the reigne of the sayde late king Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte that doctours of the Ciuile lawe, being maried, may exercise Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, and all and euerye braunches, and articles in the sayde two actes last mentioned, and not repealed in the tyme of the sayde late king Edwarde the syxth, may from henceforth lyke wyse stand and be reuiued, and remayne in their full force and strength, to all intentes and purposes: any thinge conteyned in the sayde acte of repeale before mentioned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstandyng. 32. H. 8. 37. H. 8.

And that it may also please your highnesse, that it may be further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that al other lawes and statutes, and the braunches and clauses of anye acte or statute repealed and made voyde by the sayde acte of repale, made in the tyme of the sayde late king Philip and Queene Marie, and not in this present acte specially mentioned and reuiued, shall stande, remayne, and be repealed, and voyde, in suche lyke manner and fourme, as they were before the makyng of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

And that it may also please your highnesse, that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that one acte and statute made in the first yeere of the reigne of the late king Edwarde the syxth, your Maiesties moste deare brother, entituled, An acte against suche persons as shall vnreuerently speake agaynst the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christe, commonly called the Sacrament of the aulter, and for the receyuing thereof vnder both kindes, and all and euery braunches, clauses, and sentences therein conteyned, shal and may lyke wyse from the last day of this Session of parliament, be reuiued, and from thencefoorth shall and may stande, remayne, and be in ful force, strength, and effect, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, in suche lyke maner & fourme, as the same was at any time in the firste yeere of the reigne 1. Ed. 6.

of the sayde late kyng Edwarde the syxth, any lawe, statute, or other matter to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And that it may also please your hyghnesse, that it may be further established and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that one act and statute made in the fyrst and seconde yeeres of the sayd late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, entituled, An acte for the reuiuing of three statutes, made for the punishment of heresies, and also the sayd three statutes, mentioned in the sayde acte, and in the same acte reuyued, and all and euery braunches, articles, clauses, and sentences, conteyned in the saide seuerall actes or statutes, and euery of them, shalbe from the last day of this Session of Parliament, deemed and remayne vtterly repealed, voyde, and of none effect, to all intentes and purposes: any thyng in the saide seuerall actes, or any of them conteyned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And to the intent that al vsurped and forreigne power and auctoritie, spirituall and temporal, may for euer be clearly extinguished, and neuer be vsed or obeyed within this Realme, or any other your Maiesties dominions or countreyes: may it please your hyghnesse, that it may be further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no forreigne prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate, spiritual or temporal, shal at any time after the last day of this Session of Parliament, vse, enioy, or exercise any maner of power, iurisdiction, superioritie, auctoritie, preheminence, or priuiledge, spiritual or ecclesiastical, within this realme, or within any other your Maiesties dominions or countreyes, that now be, or hereafter shalbe, but frō thencefoorth the same shalbe clearly abolyshed out of this realme, & al other your hyghnes dominions for euer: any statute, ordinaunce, custome, constitutions, or any other matter or cause whatsoeuer to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng.

And that also it may lykewyse please your hyghnesse, that it may be established and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that suche iurisdictions, priuiledges, superioritties, and preheminences spirituall and Ecclesiastic all, as by any Spirituall or Ecclesiastical power or auctoritie, hath heretofore beene, or maye lawfully be exercised or vsed, for the visitation of the Ecclesiasticall state and persons, and for reformation, order, and correction of the same, and of all manner errours, heresies, scismes, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormities, shall for euer, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, be vnited and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme. And that your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, shal haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, by letters patentes vnder the great Seale of Englande, to assigne, name, and auctorize, when and as often as your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, shall thynke meete and conuenient, and for suche and

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so long tyme as shall please your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, suche person or persons beyng naturall borne subiectes to your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, as your Maiestie, your heyres, or successours shall thynke meete to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute, vnder your highnesse, your heyres, and successours, al maner of iurisdictions, priuiledges, and preheminences, in any wyse touchyng or concernyng anye Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, within these your Realmes of Englaunde and Irelande, or any other your hyghnesse dominions or Countreyes, and to visite, reforme, redresse, ordre, correct, and amende al suche errours, heresies, schismes, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormities whatsoeuer, whiche by any maner spirituall or Ecclesiasticall power, auctoritie, or iurisdiction, can or may lawfully be reformed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrayned, or amended, to the pleasure of almyghtie God, the encrease of vertue, and the conseruation of the peace and vnitie of this Realme: and that such person or persons so to be named, assigned, auctorised, and appointed by your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, after the said letters patentes to hym or them made and deliuered, as is aforesayde, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the sayde letters patentes, vnder your hyghnesse, your heires, or successours, to exercise, vse, and execute all the premisses, according to the tenour and effect of the sayde letters patentes; any matter or cause to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And for the better obseruation and mayntenaunce of this acte, may it please your hyghnesse that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euerye Archbyshoppe, Byshoppe, and al and euery other Ecclesiasticall person, and other Ecclesiasticall officer, and minister, of what estate, dignitie, preheminence, or degree so euer he or they be, or shalbe, and all and euery temporall Iudge, Iustice, Maior, and other lay or temporall officer and minister, and euery other person hauyng your hyghnesse fees or wages within this Realme, or any your hyghnesse Dominions, shall make, take, and receyue a corporall othe vpon the Euangelist, before such person or persons as shall please your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to assigne and name to accepte and take the same, according to the tenour and effecte hereafter folowyng: that is to say, I. A. B. doo vtterly testifie and declare in my conscience, that the Queenes hyghnesse is the onely supreame gouernour of this realme, & of al other her highnesse dominios & countreis, aswel in al spirituall or Ecclesiastical thinges or causes, as Temporal, and that no forraigne prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate, hath or ought to haue any iurisdiction, power, superiorite, preheminence, or auctoritie, ecclesiastical or spirituall within this Realme, and ther-

The oath of supremacy

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fore I do vtterly renounce and forsake all forreigne iurisdictions, powers, superiorities, and auctorities, and do promyse that from henceforth I shall beare faith and true allegiaunce to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres, and lawful successours, and to my power shall assiste and defende all iurisdictions, priuiledges, preheminencies, and auctorities, graunted or belonging to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres, and successours, or vnited and annexed to the imperiall crowne of this Realme, so helpe me God, and by the contentes of this booke.

refusinge to take the oath

And that it may be also enacted, that yf any suche Archebyshoppe, Byshoppe, or other Ecclesiasticall, Officer or Minister, or any of the sayde Temporall Judges, Justiciaries, or other lay officer or minister, shall peremptorily or obstinatly refuse to take or receyue the sayde othe, that then he so refusing, shall forfayte and lose, only duryng his lyfe, all and euery Ecclesiastical and Spirituall promotion, benefice, and office, and euery Temporal and lay promotion and office, which he hath only at the tyme of suche refusall made: and that the whole tyde, interrest, and incumbencie, in euery such promotion, benefice, and other office, as agaynst suche person onlye so refusing, duryng his lyfe, shall clearely cease, and be voyd, as though the partie so refusing were dead. And that also all and euery suche person and persons, so refusyng to take the sayde othe, shall immediatly after suche refusall, be from thencefoorth duryng his lyfe, disabled to retayne or exercise any office, or other promotion, whiche he at the tyme of suche refusal hath joyntly, or in common with any other person or persons: and that all and euery person and persons, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe preferred, promoted or collated to any Archebyshopryche or Byshopriche, or to any other Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall benefice, promotion, dignitie, office, or ministerie, or that shalbe by your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, preferred or promoted to any temporal or lay office, ministerie, or seruice within this realme, or in any your highnesse dominions, before he or they shall take vpon him or them to receyue, vse, exercise, supply, or occupy any suche Archebyshopriche, Byshopriche, promotion, dignitie, office, ministerie, or seruice, shal lykewise make, take, & receyue the sayd corporall othe before mentioned, vppon the Euangelist, before suche persons as haue or shall haue auctoritie to admit any suche person to any suche office, ministerie, or seruice, or els before such person or persons, as by your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, by commission vnder the great Seale of Englande, shalbe named, assigned, or appoynted to minister the said othe. And that it may lykewyse be further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any suche person or persons, as at any tyme hereafter shalbe promoted, preferred, or collated to any suche promotion Spirituall, or Ecclesiasticall benefice, office, or ministerie, or that by your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, shalbe pro-

promoted or preferred to any Temporall or laye office, ministerie, or seruice, shall and doo peremptorily and obstinately refuse to take the same othe so to hym to be offered, that then he or they so refusyng shall presently be iudged disabled in the lawe, to receyue, take, or haue the same promotion Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall, or the same Temporal office, ministerie, or seruice within this Realme, or any other your hyghnesse dominions, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes.

And that it may be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons Temporall, hauyng liuerie, or oustre le maine, out of the handes of your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, before his or they liuery or oustre le maine, sued forth and allowed, and euery Temporall person or persons, doyng any homage to your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, or that shalbe receyued into seruice with your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, shall make, take, and receyue the sayde corporal othe before mentioned, before the Lord Chauncelour of Englande, or the Lorde Keper of the great seale for the tyme beyng, or before suche person or persons, as by your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours shalbe named and appointed to accept or receyue the same. And that also all and euery person and persons takyng orders, and all and euery other person and persons, which shalbe promoted or preferred to anye degree of learnyng in any vniuersitie within this your Realme or dominions, before he shal receiue or take any suche orders, or be preferred to any such degree of learning, shal make, take, and receyue the sayde othe by this acte set forth and declared, as is aforesayde, before his or they Ordinarie, Commissarie, Chauncelour, or Vicechauncelour, or they sufficient deputies in the sayd vniuersitie.

Prouided alwayes, and that it may be further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person hauyng any estate of inheritaunce, in any Temporall office or offices, shall hereafter obstinately and peremptorily refuse to accept and take the sayde othe, as is aforsayde, and after at any tyme duryng his lyfe, shall wyllyngly require to take and receyue the sayde othe, and so doo take and accept the same othe before any person or persons that shall haue lawfull auctoritie to minister the same: that then euerye suche person immediatly after he hath so receyued the same othe, shalbe vested, iudged, and deemed in lyke estate and possession of the sayde office, as he was before the sayde refusall, and shall and may vse and exercise the sayde office, in suche maner and fourme as he shoulde or myght haue done before suche refusall: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in anye wyse notwithstandyng.

And for the more sure obseruation of this acte, and the vtter extinguyshment of all forraygne and vsurped power and auctoritie, may

Defendinge of any forreigne power or iurisdiction

may it pleaſe your hyghneſſe, that it may be further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſayde, that yf any perſon or perſons, dwellyng or inhabityng within this your Realme, or in any other your hyghneſſe Realmes or dominions, of what eſtate, dignitie, or degree ſoeuer he or they be, after the ende of .xx. dayes next after the determynation of this ſeſſion of this preſent parliament, ſhall by wrytyng, printyng, teachyng, preachyng, expreſſe wordes, deede, or acte, aduiſedly, maliciouſly, and directly affirme, holde, ſtande with, defende, maintayne, or defende the auctheritie, preheminence, power, or iuriſdiction Spirituall or Eccleſiaſticall, of any forreigne Prynce, Prelate, Perſon, State, or Potentate whatſoeuer, heretofore claymed, vſed, or vſurped within this Realme, or any Dominion or Countrey, being within or vnder the power, dominion, or obeyſaunce of your hyghneſſe, or ſhall aduiſedly, maliciouſly, and directly put in vre, or execute any thyng for the extollyng, aduauncement, eſtabliſhyng, mayntenaunce, or defence of any ſuche pretended or vſurped iuriſdiction, power, preheminence, or auctheritie, or any parte thereof: that then euery ſuche perſon or perſons, ſo offendyng and offendyng, their abettours, aydours, procurers, and counſaylours, beyng therof lawfully conuicted and attaynted, according to the true order and courſe of the common lawes of this Realme, for his or their fyrſte offence, ſhall forfayte and loſe vnto your hyghneſſe, your heires, and ſucceſſours, all his and their goodes and cattels, aſwell reall as perſonall. And yf any ſuche perſon ſo conuicted or attaynted, ſhall not haue, or be woorthy of his proper goodes and cattels to the value of .xx. li. at the tyme of ſuche his conuiction or attaynder: that then euery ſuche perſon ſo conuicted and attaynted, ouer and beſydes the forfaiture of all his ſayde goodes and cattels, ſhall haue and ſuffer impriſonment by the ſpace of one whole yeere, without bayle or maynepryſe. And that alſo al and euery the benefices, prebendes, and other Eccleſiaſticall promocions and dignities whatſoeuer, of euery Spirituall perſon ſo offendyng, and beyng attainted, ſhall immediatly after ſuch attaynder, be vtterly voyde to al intentes and purpoſes, as though the Incumbent therof were dead, and that the patrone and donor of euerye ſuche benefice, prebende, Spirituall promotion, and dignitie, ſhall and may lawfully preſent vnto the ſame, or gelle the ſame, in ſuche maner and fourme, as yf the ſayde incumbent were dead. And yf any ſuche offendour or offendours, after ſuche conuiction or attaynder, do eftſoones commit or doo the ſayd offences, or any of them, in maner and fourme aforeſayde, and be therof duely conuicted and attaynted, as is aforeſayde: that then euerye ſuch offendour and offendours, ſhall for the ſame ſeconde offence, incurre into the daungers, penalties, and forfeytures, ordeyned and prouided by the ſtatute of prouiſion and prenunire, made in

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the xvi. yeere of the reigne of kyng Rychard the seconde. And yf any 3
such offendour or offendours at any tyme after the sayd second convic-
tion and attayndour, do the thyrde tyme commit and doo the sayde of-
fences, or any of them, in maner and fourme aforesayde, and be thereof
duely convicted and attaynted, as is aforesayde: that then every high treason
suche offence or offences, shalbe deemed and adiudged hygh treason,
and that the offendour and offendours therein, beyng thereof lawe-
fully convicted and attaynted, according to the lawes of this
Realme, shall suffer paynes of death, and other penalties, forfey-
tures, and losses, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes of this
Realme.

And also that it may lykewyse please your hyghnesse, that it
may be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no manner of per-
son or persons, shalbe molested or impeached for anye the offences
aforesayde, committed or perpetrated onely by preachyng, teachyng,
or woordes, vnlesse he or they be thereof lawfully indicted, within the
space of one whole yeere next after his or their offences so committed.
And in case any person or persons, shall fortune to be imprisoned for
anye of the sayde offences committed by preachyng, teachyng, or
woordes onely, and be not thereof indicted within the space of one
halfe yeere, next after his or their suche offence so committed and
doone: that then the sayde person so imprisoned, shalbe sette at
liberte, and be no longer detayned in prison for any suche cause or of-
fence.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie afore-
sayde, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any
wyse extende to repeale any clause, matter, or sentence conteyned or
specified in the sayde acte of repeale, made in the sayde fyrst and seconde
yeeres of the reignes of the sayde late kyng Philip, and Queene Ma-
rie, as doth in any wyse touche or concerne any matter or cause of pre-
munire, or that doth make or ordeyne any matter or cause to be with-
in the case of premunire, but that the same, for so muche only as touch-
eth or concerneth any case or matter of premunire, shall stande and re-
mayne in suche force and effecte, as the same was before the makyng
of this acte: any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary in any
wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde,
that this acte, or anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not in anye
wyse extende or be preiudiciall to anye person or persons, for anye of-
fence or offences committed or doone, or hereafter to be committed
or doone, contrary to the tenour and effecte of anye Acte or statute
nowe reuiued by this acte, before the end of xxx. dayes next after thend
of the session of this present Parliament: any thyng in this act conteyned,

ned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

a peere of the realme

And yf it happen that any peere of this Realme, shall fortune to be indicted of and for any offence that is reputed or made premunire or treason by this acte, that then he beyng so indicted, shall have his tryal by his peeres, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as in other cases of treason hath ben vsed,

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted as is aforesayde, that no maner of order, acte, or determination, for any matter of religion, or cause Ecclesiasticall, had or made by the auctoritie of this present parliament, shalbe accepted, deemed, interpreated, or adiudged at any tyme hereafter, to be any errour, heresye, schisme, or schismaticall opinion: any order, decree, sentence, constitution, or lawe, whatsoeuer the same be to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

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Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that suche person or persons to whom your highnesse, your heyres or successours, shall hereafter by letters patentes, vnder the great seale of Englande, gene auctoritie to haue or exercise any iurisdiction, power, or auctoritie spirituall, or to visite, reforme, order, or correct any errours, heresies, schismes, abuses, or enormities, by bertie of this acte, shall not in any wyse haue auctoritie or power to order, determine, or adiudge any matter or cause to be heresye, but only suche as heretofore haue ben determined, iudged, or adiudged to be heresye, by the auctoritie of the Canonicall scriptures,

by scripture

or by the first foure generall councells

or by the parliament with assent of the conuocation

or vi. other generall councelles, wherein the same was declared heresie, by the expresse & playne wordes of the sayd Canonical Scriptures, or suche as hereafter shalbe ordered, iudged, or determined to be heresie, by the hygh Court of Parliament of this Realme, with the assent of the Clergie in their conuocation: Any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

2 witnesses required

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, shalbe hereafter indicted or arraigned for any the offences made, ordeyned, reuiued, or adiudged by this acte, vnlesse there be two sufficient witnesses or more, to testifie and declare the sayde offences, whereof he shalbe indicted, or arreigned, and that the sayd wytnesses, or so many of them as shalbe liuyng, and within this Realme at the time of the arraignement of such person so indicted, shalbe brought openly in person, face to face, before the partie so arraigned, and there shall testifie and declare, what they can say against the partie so arraigned, yf he require the same.

aydyng or voluntary escape of felons a penalty vpon this statute

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, shal hereafter happen to gene any reliefe, ayde, or comfort, or in any wyse be aydyng, helpyng, or comfortyng to the person or persons of any that shall hereafter happen to be an offen-

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bode in any matter or cause of premunire de treason, reuiued or made by this acte: that then suche reliefe, appel or comforte geuen, shall not be hindred or taken to be any offence, beinge there be a sufficient pitfeasible at the daie of the saied lawfull title and entrie, that the person or persons that shall gaue suche reliefe, ayde, or comfort, had notice and mistooke all and euery offence committed or done by the said offenders, at any time before suche relefe, ayde, or comforte so to them geuen or ministred: And by reason of this acte conteyned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And where the pretended sentence lately hereto fore beene geuen in the Consistorie in Rome, before certayne Iudges delegate, by the authoritie Apostolicall of the late Cardinall Poole, by reason of a foreigne vsurped power and authoritie, against Richarde Cherwood Esquire, and Agnes his wyfe, by the name of Agnes Woodhul, at the suite of Charles Tyrrel Gentleman, in a cause of matrimonie solemnized betweene the saide Richarde and Agnes, as by the same pretenced sentence more playnely doth appeare, from whiche sentence the sayde Richarde and Agnes haue appealed to the courte of Rome, whiche appeale doth there remayne, and as yet is not determined: May it therefore please your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf sentence in the sayd appeale, shall happen to be geuen at the sayd courte of Rome, for and in the behalfe of the sayd Richarde and Agnes, for the reuersing of the sayde pretenced sentence, before the ende of three score dayes nexte after the ende of this Session of this present Parliament: that then the same shalbe iudged and taken to be good and effectuall in the lawe, and shall, and may be vsed, pleaded, and alowed in any courte or place within this Realme: any thyng in this acte, or any other acte or Statute conteined to the contrary, notwithstanding. And yf no sentence shalbe geuen at the courte of Rome in the sayde appeale, for the reuersing of the sayde pretenced sentence, before the ende of the sayd three score dayes, that then it shall and may be lawfull for the sayde Richarde and Agnes, and eyther of them, at any tyme hereafter, to commense, take, sue, and prosecute their sayd appeale from the sayde pretenced sentence, and for the reuersing of the sayd pretenced sentence within this Realme, in suche lyke maner and fourme as was vsed to be pursued, or myght haue ben pursued within this Realme, at any time since the .xviii. yere of the reigne of the sayde late king Henrie the eyght, vpon sentences geuen in the court or courtes of any Archbyshoppe within this Realme. And that suche appeale as shall hereafter be taken or pursued by the sayde Richarde Cherwood and Agnes, or eyther of them, and the sentence that therein or thereupon shall hereafter be geuen, shalbe iudged to be good and effectuall in the Lawe, to all intentes and purposes: any

[illegible] by this acte: that then suche reliefe, [illegible], shall not be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And where one pretensed sentence hath heretofore ben geuen in the consistorie in Paules, before certayne Iudges delegate, by the auctoritie legatine of the late Cardinall Poole, by reason of a forreigne vsurped power and auctoritie, agaynst Rycharde Chetwod Esquire, and Agnes his wyfe, by the name of Agnes Woodhul, at the sute of Charles Tyrel Gentleman, in a cause of matrimonie solemnized betwene the sayde Rycharde and Agnes, as by the same pretenced sentence more playnely doth appeare, from whiche sentence the sayde Rycharde and Agnes haue appealed to the courte of Rome, whiche appeale doth there remayne, and as yet is not determined: May it therefore please your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf sentence in the sayd appeale, shall happen to be geuen at the sayd court of Rome, for and in the behalfe of the sayd Rycharde and Agnes, for the reuersyng of the sayde pretenced sentence, before the ende of threescore dayes nexte after the ende of this Session of this present Parliament: that then the same shalbe iudged and taken to be good and effectuall in the lawe, and shall and may be vsed, pleaded, and alowed in any courte or place within this Realme: any thyng in this acte, or any other acte or Statute conteyned to the contrary notwithstandyng. And yf no sentence shalbe geuen at the courte of Rome in the sayde appeale, for the reuersyng of the sayde pretenced sentence, before the ende of the sayd threescore dayes, that then it shall and may be lawfull for the sayde Rycharde and Agnes, and eyther of them, at any tyme hereafter, to commence, take, sue, and prosecute theyr sayd appeale from the sayde pretenced sentence, and for the reuersyng of the sayd pretenced sentence within this Realme, in suche lyke maner and fourme as was vsed to be pursued, or myght haue ben pursued within this Realme, at any tyme since the .xxiiii. yere of the reigne of the sayde late kyng Henrie the eyght, vppon sentences geuen in the court or courtes of any Archbyshoppe within this Realme. And that suche appeale as so hereafter shalbe taken or pursued by the sayde Rycharde Chetwood and Agnes, or eyther of them, and the sentence that therein or thervpon shall hereafter be geuen, shalbe iudged to be good and effectuall in the Lawe, to all intentes and purposes: any

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lawe, custome, vsage, canon, constitution, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesayde, that where there is the lyke appeale nowe dependyng in the sayd Court of Rome, betweene one Robert Parcourt, Merchant of the Staple, and Elizabeth Parcourt, otherwyse called Elizabeth Robynet, of the one partie, and Anthonie Hydel, Merchant stranger, on the other partie, that the sayd Robert, Elizabeth, and Anthonie, and euery of them, shall and may for the prosecutyng and tryyng of theyr sayde appeale, haue and enioy the lyke remedie, benefite, and aduauntage, in lyke maner and fourme as the sayde Richarde and Agnes, or anye of them, hath, may, or ought to haue and enioy this acte or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

An Acte for the vniformitie of Common prayer, and Seruice in the Churche, and the administration of the Sacramentes.

The.ii. Chapter.

WHere at the death of our late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Edwarde the fyrst, there remayned one vniforme order of common Seruice & prayer, and of the administration of Sacramentes, rites, and ceremonies in the Churche of Englande, whiche was set foorth in one booke, entituled, The booke of common prayer, & administration of Sacramentes, and other rites & ceremonies in the Churche of Englande, authorised by act of Parliament, holden in the fifth and sixth yeeres of our sayde late Soueraigne Lord king Edwarde the fyrst, entituled, An Act for the vniformitie of common prayer, and administration of the Sacramentes: the whiche was repealed and taken away by acte of Parliament in the fyrste yeere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Ladye Queene Marie, to the great decay of the due honour of God, and discomfort to the professours of the trueth of Christes Religion.

Be it further enacted by the auctho̅itie of this present Parliament, that the sayde statute of repeale, and euerye thyng therein conteyned, onely concernyng the sayde booke, and the seruice, administration

The common prayer booke from the 5 and 6 of E. 6

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ministration of Sacramentes, rites, and ceremonies, contained or appointed in or by the sayd booke, shalbe voyde and of none effect, from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comming: And that the sayd booke, with the order of seruice and of the administration of Sacramentes, rites, and ceremonies, with the alteration and additions therein added and appointed by this statute, shall stand, and be from and after the sayd feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist, in full force and effect, according to the tenour and effect of this statute any thyng in the aforesayd statute of repeale to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by the Queenes highnesse, with the assent of the lordes and commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that all and singuler ministers in any Cathedrall or parishe Church, or other place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, and the marches of the same, or other the Dominions, shall from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comming, be bounde to say and vse the Mattens, Euensong, Celebration of the Lordes Supper, and administration of eche of the Sacramentes, and all their common and open prayer, in such order and fourme as is mentioned in the sayde booke, so authorised by Parliament, in the sayde. v. and. vi. yeeres of the reigne of king Edwarde the first, with one alteration or addition of certayne Lessons to be vsed on euery Sunday in the yeere, and the fourme of the Letanie altred and corrected, and two sentences onely added in the deliuerie of the Sacrament to the communicantes, and none other or otherwyse. And that if any manner Parson, Vicar, or other whatsoeuer Minister, that ought, or shoulde syng or saye common prayer, mentioned in the sayd booke, or minister the Sacramentes, from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comming, refuse to vse the sayde common prayers, or to minister the Sacramentes in such Cathedrall or parishe Churche, or other places, as he shoulde vse to minister the same, in such order and fourme as they be mentioned and set foorth in the sayde booke, or shall wilfully or obstinately, standyng in the same, vse any other rite, ceremonie, order, fourme, or maner of celebratyng of the lords supper, openly or priuely, or Mattens, Euensong, administration of the Sacramentes, or other open prayers, then is mentioned and set foorth in the said booke. Open prayer in and throughout this acte, is meant that prayer which is for either to come vnto, or heare, eyther in common Churches, or priuate Chappels, or Oratories, commonly called the seruice of the Churche. Or shal preache, declare, or speake any thyng in the derogation or depraueng of the sayd booke, or any thyng therein contayned, or of any part thereof, & shalbe thereof lawfully conuicted, according to the lawes of

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this Realme, by verdict of twelue men, or by his owne confession, or by the notorious euidence of the facte, shall loose and forfaite to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres and successours, for his fyrst offence, the profite of all his spirituall benefices or promotions, commyng or apperteyning to one whole yeere next after his conuiction. And also that the person so conuicted, shall for the same offence, suffer imprisonment by the space of six monethes, without bayle or mayneprise. And if any such person once conuict of any offence concernyng the premisses, shall after the fyrst conuiction offende, and be thereof in fourme aforesayd lawfully conuicte, that then the same person shall for his seconde offence suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yeere, and also shall therefore be deprined, ipso facto, of all his spirituall promotions, and that it shalbe lawfull to all patrones or donors of it and singuler the same spirituall promotions, or of any of them, to present or collate to the same, as though the person or persons so offendyng were dead. And that if any suche person or persons, after he shalbe twyse conuicted in fourme aforesayde, shall offende against any of the premisses the thyrde tyme, and shalbe thereof in fourme aforesayde lawfully conuicted, that then the person so offendyng, and conuicted the thyrde tyme shalbe deprined, ipso facto, of all his spirituall promotions, and also shall suffer imprisonment duryng his lyfe. And if the person that shall offende, and be conuicted in fourme aforesaide, concernyng any of the premisses, shall not be beneficed, nor haue any spirituall promotion: that then the same person so offendyng and conuicte, shall for the fyrst offence suffer imprisonment duryng one whole yeere next after the sayde conuiction, without bayle or mayneprise. And if any suche person, not hauyng any spirituall promotion, after his fyrst conuiction, shal eftsoones offend in any thyng concerning the premisses, and shal in fourme aforesayd be thereof lawfully conuicted, that then the same person shall for his seconde offence suffer imprisonment duryng his life.

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And it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons whatsoeuer, after the sayde feaste of the Natiuitie of Saint Iohn Baptist next comming, shal in any Enterludes, Playes, Songues, Rimes, or by other open wordes, declare or speake any thyng in the derogation, deprauyng, or despyting of the same booke, or of any thyng therein conteyned, or any parte thereof, or shal by open facte, deede, or open threatnynges, compell, or cause, or otherwyse procure, or maynetayne any Parson, Vicar, or other Minister, in any Cathedrall or Parysshe Churche, or in Chappell, or in any other place, to syng or say any open or common Prayer, or to minister any Sacrament, otherwise, or in any other maner and fourme then is mentioned in the sayde booke, or that by any of the sayd maners shall

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vnlawfully interrupt, or let any Parson, Vicar, or other Minister in any Cathedrall or Parysshe Churche, Chappell, or any other place, to syng or say common or open prayer, or to minister the Sacramentes, or any of them, in suche maner and fourme as is mentioned in the sayd booke: that then every suche person, beyng thereof lawfully convicted, in fourme aforesayde, shall forfayte to the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres and successours, for the fyrst offence, a hundred Marckes. And yf any person or persons, beyng once convict of any such offence, extoones offende against any of the last recited offences, and shall in fourme aforesayde be thereof lawfully convict: that then the same person so offendyng and convict, shall for the seconde offence, forfayte to the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres and successours, foure hundred Marckes. And yf any person, after he in fourme aforesayd, shall haue beene twyse convict of any offence concernyng any of the last recited offences, shal offende the thyrd time, and be thereof in fourme aboue sayd lawfully convict: that then euerye person so offendyng and convict, shall for his thyrde offence, forfayte to our Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, all his goodes and catteles, and shal suffer imprisonment during his life. And if any person or persons, that for his fyrst offence concernyng the premisses, shalbe convicte in fourme aforesayde, do not pay the summe to be payde by vertue of his conviction, in suche maner and fourme as the same ought to be payde, within .vi. weekes next after his conviction: that then every person so convict, and so not payeng the same, shall for the same his offence, in steede of the sayde summe, suffer imprisonment by the space of .vi. monethes, without bayle or mainprysse. And if any person or persons, that for his seconde offence concernyng the premisses, shalbe convicte in fourme aforesayde, do not pay the sayd summe to be payde by vertue of his conviction, and this estatute, in such maner & fourme as the same ought to be payd, within .vi. weekes next after the sayd seconde conviction: that then euery person so conuicted, and not so payeng the same, shall for the same seconde offence, in steede of the sayde summe, suffer imprisonment duryng .xii. monethes, without bayle or mayneprise. And that from and after the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next commyng, all and euery person and persons, inhabityng within this Realme, or any other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shal diligently and faythfully, hauyng no lawfull or reasonable excuse to be absent, endeuour them selues to resort to their parysshe Churche or Chappel accustomed, or vpon reasonable let thereof, to some other place where common prayer and suche seruice of God shalbe vsed in suche tyme of let, vpon euery Sundaye and other dayes ordeyned and vsed to be kept as holy dayes, and then and there to abyde orderly, and soberly, duryng the tyme of the common prayer, preachyng

chynges, or other leruice of God, there to be vsed and ministred, vppon payne of punishment by the censures of the Churche, and also vppon payne that euery person so offendyng, shall forfayte for euery such offence, xii.d. to be leuyed by the Churchwardens of the parysshe where the offence shalbe done, to the vse of the poore of the same parysshe, of the goodes, landes, and tenementes of suche offendour, by way of distresse. And for due execution hereof, the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Temporall, and al the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, doth in Gods name earnestly requyre & charge al they Archbyshops, Byshops, and other Ordinaries, that they shal endevour them selues to the vttermost of they^r knowledges, that the due and true execution hereof may be had throughout they^r Diocesse and charges, as they wyl answere before God, for suche euyls and plagues wherwith almightie God may iustly punish his people for neglecting this good and holsome lawe. And for they^r auctoritie in this behalfe, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler the same Archbyshops, Byshops, and all other they^r officers, exercising Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, al wel in place exempt, as not exempt, within they^r Diocesse, shall haue full power and auctoritie by this acte, to reforme, correct, and punishe, by censures of the Churche, all and singuler persons, whiche shal offende within any they^r Iurisdictions or Diocesse, after the sayd feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comming, agaynst this acte and statute: any other lawe, statute, priuiledge, libertie, or prouision, heretofore made, had, or suffered to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery Iustices of Oyer and determiner, or Iustices of Assise, shall haue full power and auctoritie in euery of they^r open and generall Sessions, to enquyre, here, and determine, all, and all maner of offences, that shalbe committed or done, contrary to any Article conteyned in this present acte, within the limittes of the Commission to them directed, and to make processe for the execution of the same, as they may doo agaynst any person being endited before them of trespasse, or lawfully conuicted thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery Archbyshop, and Byshop, shall or may at all tyme and times, at his libertie and pleasure, ioyne and associate hym selfe by vertue of this acte, to the sayde Iustices of Oyer and determiner, or to the sayd Iustices of Assise, at euery of the sayd open and generall Sessions to be holden in any place within his Diocesse, for and to the enquirie, hearyng, and determinyng of the offences aforesayd.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the bookes conteyning the sayde Seruices, shall at the costes and charges

charges of the parishioners of euery parysshe, and Cathedrall Churche, be attaynted and gotten before the said feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist next following, and that all such Parysshes and Cathedrall Churches, or other places, where the said bookes shalbe attayned and gotten, before the said feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist, shall within three weekes next after the said bookes so attayned and gotten, vse the said Seruice, and put the same in vre according to this acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, shall at any tyme hereafter be impeached, or otherwyse molested, or, or for any the offences above mentioned, hereafter to be committed or doone contrary to this acte, vnlesse he or they so offendyng, be thereof indicted at the next generall Sessions to be holden before any suche Justices of Oyer and determiner, or Justices of Assise, next after any offence committed or done contrary to the tenour of this Acte.

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Prouided alwayes, and be it ordayned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that al and singuler Lordes of the Parliament, for the third offence above mentioned, shalbe tryed by theyr peeres.

Prouided also, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Maior of London, and al other Maiors, Bailifes, and other head officers, of all and singuler Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, within this Realme, wales, and the Marches of the same, to the whiche Justices of Assise doo not commonly repayre, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare and determine the offences aboue said, and euery of them, yeerely within .xb. dayes after the feast of Easter, and S. Michael Tharchangel, in lyke maner and fourme as Justices of Assise, and Oyer and determiner may doo.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that al and singuler Archbyshops and Byshops, and euery of theyr Chauncellours, Commissaries, Archdeacons, and other Ordinaries, hauing any peculier Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, al weel to enquyre in theyr visitation, Synodes, and elsewhere, within theyr iurisdiction, as any other tyme and place, to take accusations, and informations, of al and euery the thinges aboue mentioned, doone, committed, or perpetrated, within the limites of theyr iurisdictions & auctoritie, and to punishe the same by admonition, excommunication, sequestration, or deprivation, and other censures and proceese, in like fourme as heretofore hath been vsed in lyke cases by the Queenes Ecclesiasticall lawes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that whatsoeuer person offendyng in the premisses, shall for theyr offences byfit receyue punishment

nishment of the Ordinary, hauyng a testimoniall thereof vnder the sayde Ordinaries Seale, shall not for the same offence eftsoones be conuicted before the Justices. And lykewyse receyuing for the said fyrst offence punishment by the Justices, he shall not for the same offence eftsoones receyue punishment of the Ordinarie: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that such ornamentes of the Church, and of the ministers thereof, shalbe reteyned and be in vse, as was in this Churche of Englande, by auctoritie of Parliament, in the second yeere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the.vi. vntyll other order shalbe therein taken by the auctoritie of the Queenes Maiestie, with the aduise of her Commissioners appointed & auctorised vnder the great Seale of England for causes Ecclesiasticall, or of the Metropolitane of this Realme. And also, that yf there shall happen any contempt or irreuerence to be vsed in the ceremonies or rites of the Churche, by the mistakyng of the orders appoynted in this booke: the Queenes Maiestie may, by the lyke aduise of the sayd Commissioners or Metropolitane, ordayne and publishe such further ceremonies or rites, as may be most for the aduauncement of Gods glory, the edifying of his Churche, and the due reuerence of Christes holy misteries and Sacramentes.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all Lawes, Statutes, and Ordinances, wherein or whereby any other Seruice, administration of Sacramentes, or common Prayer, is limitted, stablished, or set foorth, to be vsed within this Realme, or any other the Queenes dominions or Countreys, shal from henceforth be vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

An Acte for Recognition of the Queenes hyghnesse tytle to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme.

The.iii. Chapter.

SO there is nothyng vnder God (most dreade Soueraigne Ladye) where we your most humble, faythfull, and obedient subiectes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present Parliament assembled, haue, may, or ought to haue more cause to reioyce, then in this only, that it hath pleased GOD of his mercifull prouidence and goodnesse, towardes vs and this our Realme, not onely to prouide, but also to preserue and keepe for vs and our welthes, your royal Maiestie, our most rightfull and lawfull Soueraigne

[illegible] Queene, most happily to reigne over his
[illegible] we do geue and yelde vnto your highnesse, with all
[illegible] ayde, and prayers: Euen for there
[illegible] that we owe to your highnesse, for our partes can, may, &
ought towardes your hyghnesse, [illegible] entirely, and diligently
[illegible] the pursuit of our bounden duetie, & with ours [illegible] declare
[illegible] to be true, & [illegible] that your Highnesse ought
[illegible] and in very deede, by all [illegible] ought
[illegible] by the lawes of God, and the lawes and statutes of this Realme,
our most godly, and [illegible] Father, to be his lawfull & vndoubted
[illegible] & in the highnesse is rightfully, & lineally, & lawfully descended, & comen
[illegible] the blood royall of this Realme of England, & to haue
[illegible] person, & the heyres of your body lawfully to be begotten
after your, without all doubt, & [illegible] & [illegible] the im-
periall and royal estate, place, crowne, & dignities of this Realme, with
all honors, rules, titles, dignities, regalities, iurisdictions, & prehe-
mynences to the same now belonging and appertayning, do and by the
most fully, rightfully, really, and entierly inuested, and incorporated,
vnited, & annexed, as rightfully, and lawfully, to all intents, confirma-
tions, & purposes, as the same were vnited, & annexed vnto the
right, & in the late king Edward the first, your highnesse brother, & in
the late Queene Marie, your highnesse sister, at any time since the act
of Parliament made in the first yeere of the reigne of your saide moste
noble father king Henry the eyght entituled, An acte concerning the
establishment of the kinges maiesties succession in the imperial crowne
of this Realme: For which causes, we your saide most louing, faythfull,
& obedient subiectes, representyng the three estates of your Realme of
England, as thereunto constrayned by the lawe of God & man, except
we shoulde ouer much forget our duties to your hyghnesse, and to the
heyres of your body lawfully begotten, can no lesse doo, but most hum-
bly beseeche your hyghnesse, that by thauctoritie of this present Par-
liament, it may be enacted, established, and declared, that we doo recog-
nisse, acknowledge, and confesse the same your estate, right, title, and
succession, as is aforesaid, to be in and to your highnesse, and the heires
of your body to be begotten, vtterly, and in the whole, and in
euery part thereof, in such maner & fourme as before is mentioned, de-
clared, or confessed, and thereunto most humbly & faythfully we do sub-
mit our selues, our heyres, & posteritie for euer. And further do make
our most harty and humble petition vnto your hyghnesse, that it may
please the same, not only to accept this our fayth recognition, but also
our faythfull promises, that we, according to our duties, shall and
will stande to, assiste, and defende your royal Maiestie, and the heyres
of your body to be begotten, beyng Kynges and Queenes of this

Realme,

Realme, and your sayd ryghtes, and titles in and to the sayde imperiall estate, place, crowne, and dignitie, in all thynges therein belonging, at all tymes to the vttermoste of our possible powers, and therein to spende our bodyes, landes, and goodes, ageynst all persons whatsoeuer, that any thyng shall attempte to the contrary.

And that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that as well this our declaration, confession, and recognition, as also the limitation & declaration of the succession of the imperiall crowne of this Realme, mentioned and conteyned in the sayde acte made in the xxv. yeere of the reigne of your sayde moste noble father, shall stande, remayne, and be the lawe of this Realme for euer. And that all statutes, ordynaunces, and decrees, had, made, declared, set forth, published, and promulged, and also all matche of every clause, article, thynge, matter, or thyng conteyned and expressed in any acte or actes of parliament, as be in any thyng repugnaunt, contrary, or derogatyue to this our sayd confession, declaration, and recognition, or to any part of parcell thereof, or contrary to the sayd limitation of the succession of the imperiall crowne, established and made by the sayde acte in the sayde xxv. yeere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, by what soeuer power or auctoritie it be or hath been, or haue been had or made, shalbe vtterly frustrate, voyde, and of none effect: and also shall and may be cancelled, defaced, and put in perpetuall oblyuion at your hyghnesse wyll and pleasure, as yf the same had neuer beene had, made, declared, set forth, published, or promulged.

An Acte for the restitution of the fyrst fruites and tenthes, and rentes reserued nomine decime, and of parsonages impropriate to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme

The. iiii. Chapter.

WE they moste humble wyse beseechen your moste excellent Maiestie, your sayd true and humble subiectes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons of this your Realme in this present Parliament assembled, that where in the Parliament of your moste noble father of famous memorie kyng Henry the eyght, holden at Westminster vppon prorogation the thyrde day of Nouember, in the .xxvi. yeere of his prosperous reigne, it was enacted, obteyned, and established by Auctoritie of the same Parliament, amongst other thynges, that his bygonelle, his heyres, & successours, kynges of this Realme, should haue & enioy from tyme to time, to endure for euer, of euery person and persons, which at any tyme after the fyrst day of Januarie then next ensuing, should be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted

ted to haue any Archbyshoprieke, Bysshoprieke, Abbaye, Monastery, Priorie, Colledge, Hospitall, Archedeaconry, Deanery, Prouostshyppe, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntrie, Free Chappell, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion Spirituall within this Realme, or elsewhere, within any of the Kynges Dominions, of what name, nature, or qualitie soeuer they were, or to whose foundation, patronage, or gyft soeuer they doe belong, the fyrst fruictes, reuenues, and profytes, for one yeere of euerye suche Archebyshoprieke, Bysshoprieke, Abbaye, Monastery, Priorie, Colledge, Hospitall, Archedeaconry, Deanery, Prouostshyppe, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntrie, Free Chappell, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion aforenamed, whereunto any suche person or persons shoulde happen to be elected, nominated, preferred, and confirmed, after the sayd fyrste day of Januarie be nominated, elected, preferred, and confirmed, collated, or by any other meanes appointed. And that euery suche person and persons, before any actuall or reall possession or medling with the profytes of any suche Archebyshoprieke, Bysshoprieke, Abbaye, Monastery, Colledge, Hospitall, Deanery, Prouostshyppe, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntrie, Free Chappell, Benefice, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spirituall, shoulde [illegible] contente and pay, or couenaunte, or agree to pay to the Kynges Maiestie, his heyres, or successours, at reasonable dayes, vpon good suerties, the sayd fyrst fruictes and profytes for one yeere. And it was further enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that the fyrst fruictes of benefices, before that tyme accustomed to be payde to the Bysshoppe of Norwiche within his Diocesse, and to the Archedeacon of Richemonde within his Archedeaconry, or any other person or persons within this Realme, or any other the Kynges Dominions, shoulde from the sayd fyrst day of Januarie, cease and be extinct, and no longer be payde but only to the Kynges highnesse, his heyres and successours, in suche fourme as is before mentioned. And further it was enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that the Kynges Maiestie, his heyres and successours, for more augmentation and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of the Imperiall Crowne, shoulde peerely haue, take, enioy, and receyue, vnited and knytte to his Imperiall Crowne for euer, one yearly rent or pension, amountyng to the value of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, farmes, tythes, offerynges, emolumentes, and of all other profytes aswell called Spirituall as temporal, appertayning or belonging, or that from thenceforth shoulde belong to any Archebyshoprieke, Bysshoprieke, Abbaye, Monastery, Priorie, Archedeaconry, Deanery, Hospitall, Colledge, House, Collegiate, Prebende, Cathedrall Church, Collegiate Church, Conuentuall Church, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntrie, Free Chappell, or other benefice, or promotion Spirituall, of what name, nature, or qualitie soeuer they were, within any Dominions of this Realme, or in Wales, the sayd pension or annuall rent to be

yeres) saue to euer to the said late king, his heyres and successours, at the feast of the Natiuite of our Lord God, and the first payment therof to begin at the feast of the Natiuite of our Lord God, which should be in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand, five hundred, thirtie & nine, & to be paid yerely by such as should be appointed to bene the collectours therof, before the first day of April next following, after the said feast of the Natiuite of our Lord God, as in the said acte more playnly it doth appeare. And where also one other acte was made & established in the said parliament, the said xxvii. yere, that no farmour of spirituall promocions should be compelled or charged to pay for their farmes, fyfte fruites & yerely pension, for the tenth graunted vnto the kynges highnesse, nor notwithstanding any couenaunte, contract, bonde, or other obligacion made to the contrary, as by the same acte more playnly doth appeare. And where also in one other session of the same parliament, holden by prorogacion at Westminster, in the xxviii. yere of the reigne of our said late soueraigne lorde, one other acte was made and established, that the kynges highnesse, his heyres and successours, should be debarred and also bed of the tenth of their spirituall promocions, for that xxvii. yere for whatsoeuer they should pay, yerely fyfte fruites as in the said acte also more at large appeareth. And where also in one other parliament of the said late kyng, holden at Westminster in the xxviii. yere of his reigne amongst other thynges it was enacted and ordeyned, that the yere in whiche the fyrst fruites of euery benefice and spirituall promotion should be payde, should be beginne and be accompted immediatly after the decesse of euery suche. And that the tythes, commodities, reuenues, emolumentes, and profites thereof, Chauntries only excepted in the time of vacacion, should belong and afferre to the heyre & incumbente, towardes the payment of the fyrst fruites, as by the same acte more at large appeareth. And where also in one other parliament holden by prorogacion at Westminster, in the xxviii. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng, one acte was made and established, that Bysshoppes vpon their accomptes, or, and to the said yerely tenthe, should be allowed by their oothes of payment of such summe or summes of money, of the said annuall rent, or tenth, as they could not lawfully leuy, and into one other appointed how the kyng should be answered of the tenth of any benefice & spirituall promotion, omitted in the originall or former certificate of benefices and spirituall promocions made in the Exchequier, as by the same acte last mentioned more at large appeareth. And where also in the same Session and parliament holden in the said xxviii. yere of the reigne of your highnesse the noble father, and by authoritie of the same parliament, one other was erected, established, and made, for the better answearyng of the said fyrst fruites and tenthes vnto the kyng, called the Court of

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the fruites and tenthes, as in the same acte of erection therof more fully appeareth. And where also in the same session and Parliament one acte was there made, whereby the Bysshop of Worcester for the time being (being before that discharged from the collection of the tenth within his diocesse) shoulde be charged and chargeable for euer, for and with the collection of the same tenth within his diocesse, & make payment therof as other Bysshops should or ought to do within their diocesse, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also in one other Parliament of the sayde late kyng, holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, in the .xviii. yeere of his reigne, one acte was established and made concerning Collectours and Receauers, to make payment of their receiptes within three monethes next after the same shoulde be due, and payde to the kynges hie, under certayne penalties therin expressed, as by the same acte more at large appeareth. And where also in the same Session and Parliament it was enacted and established, that the newe erected Bysshoppes of Chester, Gloucester, Peterborough, Bristol, Oxford, and their successours for euer, shoulde pay their tenthes reserued vpon their letters patentes, or their seuerall erections, onely in the said Court of the first fruites & tenthes for euer, as by the same acte more at large appeareth. And where also in the Parliament of the sayde late kyng, holden at Westminster in the .xxv. yeere of his reigne, one acte entituled, An acte for the vnion of Churches, not exceedyng the value of .vi.li. was established and made, wherein is conteyned a Sauing to the kyng of the first fruites and tenthes of al Churches and Chappels, not exceedyng the value of vi.li. that then were, or from thencefoorth shoulde be united and consolidate in one, as in the same acte and Sauing more largely appeareth. And where also in the Parliament of your highnesse deareste brother of worthie memorie kyng Edwarde the sixth, holden at Westminster vpon prorogation in the seconde yeere of his reigne, one acte was made, that by the certificate of the Bysshop of any diocesse within this Realme, or any of the Commissions of the same, of recusaunce or non payment of anye tenth of anye benefice or spirituall promotion, the Incumbent shoulde leese but the benefice or promotion only, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth.

And where also in one other Parliament of the sayde late kyng Edwarde, holden at Westminster in the seuenth yeere of his reigne, one acte was made and established, declaryng howe and in what sort the vnder Collectours of the tenth in euery diocesse, appointed by the Bysshop, shoulde be bounde to discharge the Bysshop of that collection, and a longer day geuen for the payment of the tenth: and howe the kyng shoulde be aunswered of the tenth for the tyme of vacation of euery benefice and spirituall promotion, and that the patentes of the

collection of tenth, shoulde be good onely durying the incumbentes of the graunttours, as in the same acte more at large is conteyned. And where also in the second session of Parliament of our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, your Maiesties dearest sister, holden at Westminster in the fyrst yeere of her reigne, one acte was made and established, whereby full power and auctoritie was geuen and appoynted vnto her highnesse, at her wyll and pleasure, to alter, chaunge, vnite, transpost, dissolue, or determine, all suche the sayde court of fyrst fruites and tenthes, as the court of augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and other courtes therein reserued, and to reduce the same courtes, or any of them, into one, two, or more court or courtes, or to vnite and annere the sayde courtes, or any two or more of them, togeather, or to any other of her Maiesties courtes of reuendes, as to her it shoulde be thought most conuenient and best, for the better, sure, and more speedy auoydyng of her yeerely reuentes, casualties, and profytes, then answerable in the sayde courtes, or any of them, as in the same acte more at large is expressed: by vertue and auctoritie of whiche acte, the sayde late Queene by her graces foure seueral letters patentes, whereof two beare date the .xxiii. day of January in the fyrst yeere of her reigne, and the other two the .xxiiii. day of January in the same yeere, dyd not onely dissolue, determine, and extinguishe the sayde courtes, commonly called and entituled, The court of augmentations and reuentes of the kynges crowne, and, The court of the fyrst fruites and tenthes, and the iurisdiction and auctoritie thereof: but also dyd vnite, transpose, and annere the sayde courtes of augmentations and reuenues of the kynges crowne, and of the fyrst fruites and tenthes, to dissolued, to the sayde court of the Exchequer, there to be and continue as a member and parcell of the same court of the Exchequer: and dyd appoynt al and singuler the reuentes, casualties, profytes, and hereditamentes then annexed and annearable in the sayde courtes, to the order, rule, surueye, and gouernaunce of the sayde court of the Exchequer, there to be answered and accompted for euer, in suche order, maner, and fourme, as in the sayde latter letters patentes, and in two Scedules vnto the sayde letters patentes, annexed is mentioned and declared, as by the tenour and purport of the sayde letters patentes and Scedules, signed with her highnesse hand, more playnely may appeare. By reason of all whiche sayde premisses, not onelye the sayde perpetuall reuentes of the fyrste fruites and tenthes, graunted by the sayde acte in the .xxvi. yeere of the reigne of your highnesse most noble father, in augmentation and mayntenaunce of the crowne of this Realme, but also the tenthes or yeerely rentes reserued nomine decime, by any letters patentes of your sayde noble father, sythence the sayd .xxvi. yeere of his reigne, and of your sayd dearest bro-

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thre and ffiftie, or of any of them, made to any Bysshop, and his Successours, or to any Cathedrall Churche Deane and Chapter, Colledge, or any other Ecclesiasticall and Spirituall person or persons, or corporations, and theyr Successours for euer. And also all and euery the rentes, reuenues, ffirmes, and profytes, of all and singuler Rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, oblacions, pensions, portions, and other profites, and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spirituall to the same belonging, beyng in the handes and possession of your sayde dearest sister, at the sayde. xxiiith. day of Januarie, were vnited, and annexed, and accompted for in the sayde court of the Exchequier, and were therein well and fully answered and payde vnto her bycause she was sole and bedoute, lyke as the same were vnto the sayde two noble Kinges, her Grandfather & Brother, before Succession. yeres, without grefe or contradiction of the partaties and clergie of this Realme, to the great ayde, releefe, and supportacion of the inestimable charges of the Crowne of this Realme, wherby dayly grewe the ruyne of the mayntenaunce of the sayde ffyll acte, haue entered into and gouerned more and more, whych thyng although the sayde late Queene nought and dyd manifestly feele & perceyue to be moste true: yet thee vpon certayne grauous and inconuenient respectes, not sufficiently, nor politiquely enough weyeng that matter, nor hauyng due consideracion and regarde to the mayntenaunce, vpholdyng, and good mayntenaunce of the state of the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme in Succession, whiche rather needed an augmentation, then any diminution, procured and wylled an acte of Parliament to be made and prouided in the seconde and thyrde yeres of the reigne of kyng Philip her late husbande, and her, that all paymentes of the sayde fyll fruites, shoulde from thenceforth ceasse and be clearely extinct and determined for euer: and that as well all the sayde benefices and spirituall promotions, as the possessiones, owners, and incumbentes thereof, and theyr Successours, shoulde from and after the. viith. day of August, in the sayde second and thyrde yeres, and so from thence forth as all tymes for euer, be clearely exonerate, acquited, and discharged, against the sayde late kyng Philip & Queene Mary, her heyres, and Successours, of and from the. payment and paymentes of all and euery the sayde fyll fruites, in as ample and large maner and fourme as they were before the makyng of the sayde acte, of the fyrst and originall graunt thereof, in the sayde. xxvi. yere of the reigne of the sayde late kyng your noble father, and as though the same had neuer been had nor made. And further, that neyther the sayde perpetuall pension, annuall rent, or tenthe, graunted by the sayde fyrste acte of the. xxvi. yere of the sayde noble kyng Henry: nor also the sayde seuerall annuall rentes, or tentes reserued nomine decime, by and vpon the sayde

seuerall letters patentes, of the sayde late kyng and Queene, made to spirituall persons and corporations as is aforesayde, or any of them, from and after the feast of .S. Michael Tharchangel then last past, shoulde any more be payde or payable vnto the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, her heyres, or successours, but that as well all the sayde Archbyshoprickes, Byshoprickes, and other benefices, dignities, Deanes and Chapters, Colledges, Corporations, and Spirituall promotions aforesayde, as also the possessours, owners, proprietaries, and incumbentes of the same, and theyr successours, from and after the sayde feast of .S. Michael Tharchangel, shoulde be clearely exonerate, acquited and discharged of and from the paiment thereof, againste them, and the heyres & successours of the same late Queene forever. And furthermore, that the sayde late kyng Philip, & Queene Marie, her heyres, or successours, from and after the sayde feast of .S. Michael Tharchangel, shoulde not receyue, perceyue, take, and enioy any the issues, reuenues, profytes, or commodites of the sayde Rectories, Personages, benefices, glebe landes, Tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spirituall aforesayde, or of any of them, or of the reuersion or reuertions of them, or of any of them: but in and by the sayde acte, the same late kyng and Queene, clearely gaue ouer, renounced and relinquished, as well the sayde Rectories, Personages, benefices, glebe lande, Tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spirituall aforesayde, and euerye of them, and the reuertion and reuertions of them, and euerye of them, and all theyr ryght, tytle, vse, interest, and demaunde of, in, or to the same, from them, and the heyres, and successours of the sayde late Queene for euer, as also the sayde perpetuall pention, annual rent, and tenth, and also the sayde yeerely rentes, reserued nomine decime, vpon the sayde seuerall letters patentes, and all theyr ryght, tytle, and interest, whiche they or eyther of them, or the heyres or successours of the sayde late Queene, had or mought haue had, in or to the same. The same yeerely pention, tenthes, yeerely rentes, parsonages, emolumentes, and profytes, to be perceyued, taken, receyued, counted, employed, vsed, and disposed by the late reuerende father in God Reginald Poole, late Cardinal and Legate, and suche other persons as he should name and appoynt, and such other as been specially limitted in the sayde acte, to and for certayne vses, purposes, and intentes mentiond in the same acte, with diuers prouisions, and a Sauing in the same expressed and conteyned, as by the same more at large apeareth, we your sayde humble and obedient subiectes, the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this your present Parliament assembled, callyng to our remembraunce the huge, innumerable,

innumerable, and inestimable charges of the royall estate, and impe-
riall Crowne of this realme, and howe the same is left vnto your Ma-
iestie, at this your first entrie thereinto, greatly diminished, aswell
by reason of the sayde acte made in the sayde seconde and thyrde yeere
of the reigne of the sayde king Philip and Queene Marie, as other-
wyse, doo conceyue at the bottome of our hartes great sorowe and
heauinesse, as subiectes carefull for their naturall and leige Sove-
reigne Lady, vppon whom dependeth the suertie, worldly ioye, and
wealth of vs all: and being no lesse affected towardes your Maiesties
most royall person, and the preseruation and maynteynaunce of the
same, as of the estate and succession of your Maiesties sayde Crowne,
then were the first graunters of the sayde fyftie fiftenes and tenthes
towardes your highnesse most noble father, and his sayde royall estate,
at the tyme of their sayde graunt to them thereof made, do accompt of
very right and good congruence no lesse then our most bounden du-
tie to moue your highnesse, and therewith most humbly to beseeche
the same: that the great diminution and decay committed and done to
the Crowne and estate royall of this your Realme, and the succes-
sion thereof by reason of the sayde acte made in the sayde seconde and
thyrde yeeres of the reigne of the sayde king Philip and Queene Ma-
rie, may at this Parliament be reformed and amended, and that with
your highnesse fauour and royall assent it may be enacted, ordeyned,
established, and prouided by authoritie of this Parliament, in maner
and fourme hereafter ensuying: That is to say, that the sayde acte made
in the seconde and thyrde yeeres of the reigne of the sayde late king
Philip and Queene Marie, and all articles, clauses, and sentences
therein conteyned, shalbe from and after the fyftie day of this present
Parliament, vtterly and clearely repealed, made voyde, and of no force
ne effect: and al auctorities and liberties, graunted, limitted, and ap-
poynted in & by the sayde act to the sayde late Cardinal Poole, or made
or dersyued by force, strength, or colour of the same acte, by or from the
sayde late Cardinal, to any other person or persons, bodyes politike or
corporate, to cease and be vtterly voyde and determined: and that the
sayde fyftie fruites, and al paymentes thereof, from and after the sayde
fyftie day of this Parliament, shalbe reuiued, and haue their being and
continuaunce againe, and be deemed and adiudged to al intentes, con-
structions, and purposes, in the Queenes highnesse most royal person,
her heyres, and successours, and vnited and annexed to the imperiall
crowne of this Realme of and in suche lyke and the same estate, inte-
rest, title, quantitie, sort, degree, and condition, and in as ample and
beneficial maner and fourme, as the same was or were in the person
or possession of the sayde late Queene Marie, at and before the sayde
eyght day of August, in the sayd act of extinguishment mentioned and

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expressed: the same acte of extinguishment, or any letteres patentes, or any other matter or thyng had, done, or suffered by the sayd late Queene, to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng. And also that as well so muche of the sayde perpetuall and annuall tenth and pention, graunted by the sayde acte made in the sayde xxvi yeere of the reigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, as also so muche of the sayde yerely rentes reserued vppon the sayde seuerall letters patentes nomine decime, and also so many of the sayde rectories, personages, and benefices, impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profytes and emoluments Ecclesiasticall and Spirituall aforesayde, and the reuersion and reuersions thereof: and al rentes, emoluments, and profites incident to the same, as were in the handes and possession of the sayde late Queene Marie, at and before the sayd eyght day of August, shall from the sayde feast of Saint Michael Tharchangel last past, be ioyned, adiudged and deemed, actually and really in the seasine and possession of our sayde Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, her heyres, and successours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, of and in suche lyke and the same estate, interest, order, degree, qualitie, sort, and condition, and as fully, wholly, largely, and beneficially, as the same were in the seasine & possession of the sayde late Queene Marie, at and before the same eyght day of August. And that as well the sayde first fruites and tenthes, and the order thereof, as also the sayde annual rentes reserued nomine decime, and the sayde rectories, personages, benefices, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profytes and emoluments ecclesiasticall and spirituall aforesayd, and euery of them, and the reuersion and reuersions of them, and of al rentes and profytes vnto the same or any of them incident or belongyng, shalbe within the sayde order, surney, rule, and gouernaunce of the sayd courte of Exchequer, in euery degree, sort, or condition, as they were (at and) before the sayde eyght day of August: the sayde acte made in the sayde seconde and thyrde yeeres, or anye other matter or thyng to the contrary thereof, notwithstandyng. And that so muche of all and euery the sayde actes and statutes fyrst recited, or of any other acte or statute, touchyng or concernyng the order, leuying, true answerying, and payment, or qualification of the sayde fyrste fruites and tenthes, and of the sayde rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, and of the rentes, reuenues, emoluments, and profytes thereof, and of al other the premisses, and also the charge, discharge, or alteration of them, or any of them, or any matter or thyng in any wyse soundyng or tendyng thereunto, whiche were standyng, and beyng in force, effect, and vnrepealed at and before the sayde eyght day of August (except onely the sayde actes of the erections of the

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courtes of augmentations and hyllte frutes and tenthes) shalbe re-
mayne, and continue in theyr full and perfect strengthes and formes,
and be obserued and put in due execution, accordyng to the tenours
and purportes of the same, and euery of them. And that the Queenes
Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, by auctoritie of this present
Parliament, shall from the sayde fyrst day of this present Parliament,
haue, holde, possede, and enioy for euer, the aduousons, gyftes, and
patronages of al vicarages belongyng to or incident to any of the said
rectories and personages impropriate, in the same sort, quantitie, con-
dition, and degree, to all intentes and purposes, as the same were in
the person and possession of the sayde late Queene Marie at and be-
fore the sayde eyght day of August: anye thyng or acte doone by the
same late Cardinall, or any graunt or grauntees by letters patentes
made by the sayde late Queene Marie, of the sayde aduousons and
patronages, or any of them, to any ecclesiasticall or spirituall person or
persons, or any spirituall corporation, to the contrary, in any wyse
notwithstandyng.

Sauing to all and euery person and persons, bodyes politike and
corporate, and theyr heyres, executours, successours, and assignes, and
euery of them, other then suche persons as be mentioned and na-
med in any letters patentes, made by the sayde Queene Marie, the
sayde .viii. day of August, or at any tyme sithen, or claymyng onely by
or vnder thauctoritie and strength of the same acte or letters pa-
tentes, or any of them, al such right, title, interest, estate, offices, fees,
graunte, annuities, pentions, fees, corrodies, rentes, and other yeere-
ly profytes and commodities, as they or any of them ought or shoulde
haue had perceyued, or enioyed, of, in, or by reason of any of the perso-
nages, rectories, or of any other the premisses, in case the sayde for-
mer acte nowe repealed, and this present acte of repeale, had neuer
ben had ne made: any thyng in the same actes, or either of them con-
teyned, or soundyng to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstan-
dyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that from
and after the sayde feall of Saint Michaell Tharchangell last past,
and so from thencefoorth from tyme to tyme, the sayde pentions, an-
nuities, rentes, corrodies, fees, and other yeerely payementes, shalbe
payde and payable onely by our sayde Soouereigne Lady, her heyres,
and successours, at the receipt of the Exchequer, or in suche other pla-
ces, as the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, & successours shal appoynt,
to all and euerye person and persons, that ought to haue and enioy
the same, in suche sort, order, & fourme, as the same shoulde or ought to
haue ben payde and payable, in case the sayde acte nowe repealed had
neuer ben had ne made; any thyng therein, or els in this acte conteyn-
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nid to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by auctho*r*itie afo*r*elayde, that al and singuler incumbentes, proprietaries, tenauntes, farmours, lessees, and occupiers of the premilles, o*r* any part thereof, they*r* heyres, executours, and assignes, whiche the layde fyrst day of this present Parliament, were behynde, o*r* in any arrerages of and with the rentes, farmes, tenthes, o*r* other reuenues, profytes o*r* duetie*s*, by them o*r* any of them due and payable, for o*r* by reason of the premilles, o*r* any of them, shall and may be by the auctho*r*itie of this acte, leuerally chargeable, accomptable, and answerable to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, in and at the layde court of the Exchequer, of and for the same arrerages and duelies, as other accomptauntes be and shalbe in the same court: any thyng in the layde acte, now repelled in this acte, o*r* any other matter o*r* cause to the contrarye thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And yet neuertheleste the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, at the humble requeste of her layde Subiectes, of her aboundaunt grace and bountifulnesse, is pleased and contented that it be enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*elayde, that all and singuler vicarages not exceedyng the yeerely value of ten poundes, after the rate and value vppon the recordes and bookes of the rates and values for the fyrst fruites and tenthes, nowe remaynyng in the Exchequer, o*r* that shall hereafter come and remayne in the same courte, and also al and singuler parsonages, not exceedyng the yeerely value of tenne marckes, after the fyrste rate and valuation, and the Incumbentes thereof, and euery of them, they*r* executours, administratours, successours, and tuetie*s*, and euery of them, from the layde feaste of Saint Michael Thaschangel last past, shalbe free and clearely discharged, and acquited for euer, againste the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, of and from the layde fyrste fruites: any thyng in the layde acte of fyrste fruites and tenthes made in the layde .xxvi. yeere of the reigne of the layde late kyng Henry the eyght, o*r* in this acte of repeale, o*r* any other acte o*r* actes before recited to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*elayde, that if any incumbent of any suche promotions spirituall, as is afo*r*elayde, charged o*r* chargeable to the payment of the layde fyrst fruites, happe to lyue to thende of one halfe yeere next after the last auoydance of the same promotion spirituall, so as he hath receyued, o*r* without fraude o*r* couine might lawfully haue receyued o*r* enioyed the rentes o*r* profites of that halfe yeere, & before the ende of the other halfe yeere then next folowyng shall happen to dye, o*r* to be lawfully euicted, remoued, o*r* put from the layde promotion spirituall, by iudge-

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ment in any action of the common lawe, without fraude procedinge: that then euery suche Incumbent, his heyres, executours, administratours and suerties, shalbe charged and chargeable but onely with the fourth parte of the fyrst fruites due to be payde for suche his promotion, and with no more of the sayde fyrst fruites: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any bonde or wrytyng to be made for the payment of the sayde fyrste fruites, or any other matter or cause to the contrary notwithstandyng. And yf it shall happen any suche Incumbent to lyue by the space of one whole yeere next after the last auoydaunce of the same promotion Spirituall, and after before the ende of one halfe yeere then nexte folowyng shall fortune to dye, or to be lawfully euicted, remoued, or put from the sayde promotion Spirituall, by iudgement in any action at the common lawe, without fraude or couine: that then euery suche Incumbent, his heyres, executours, administratours, and suerties, shalbe charged and chargeable but onely with the moytie and one halfe of the fyrst fruites due to be payde, for suche his promotion Spirituall, and with no more of the same fyrste fruites: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any bonde or wrytyng obligatorie to be made for the payment of the same fyrst fruites, or anye other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstandyng. And yf it shall happen any suche Incumbent to lyue to the ende of one whole yeere and a halfe, next after the last auoydaunce of suche promotion Spirituall, and after and before the ende of sixe monethes then nexte folowyng shall fortune to dye, or to be lawfully euicted, remoued, or put from the sayde promotion Spirituall, by iudgement in anye action at the common lawe, without fraude or couine: that then euery suche Incumbent, his heyres, executours, administratours, and suerties, shalbe charged and chargeable but onely with three partes of the fyrst fruites of the same promotion spirituall, in foure partes to be deuided, and with no more: anye thyng in this acte conteyned, or any bonde or wrytyng obligatorie had or made for the payment of the sayde fyrste fruites, or any other matter or cause to the contrarye, notwithstandyng. And yf it shall happen any suche incumbent to lyue to the ende of two whole yeeres, nexte after the last auoydaunce of the same his promotion spirituall, and not to be lawfully euicted, remoued, or put from the same promotion spirituall as is aforesayde, that then euerye suche Incumbent, his heyres, executours, administratours, and suerties, shall content and pay to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres, and successours, the whole fyrste fruites due to be payde for the same promotion spirituall, according to the statutes aforesayde.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that all graunttes, immunities, and liberties, geuen to the Universities of Cambridge, and Oxforde,

Oxforde, or to any Colledge or Hall in eyther of the sayde vniuersities, and to the Colledges of Eaton and Winchester, and vnto euery or any of them, by our late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Henry the eyght, or anye other of the Queenes highnesse progenitors or predecessors, or by acte of Parliament, for or touchyng the releasse or discharge of the sayde fyrst fruites and tenthes, or any parte thereof, shalbe alwayes and remayne in theyr full strength and vertue: and that all suche lawfull conueyances and assurances in the lawe, as were had or made before the makyng of this Acte, to eyther of the saide vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambrydge, or to any Colledge or Hall within any of them, by what name or names so euer they or any of them be incorporated or named, of any of the sayde personages, or benefices impropriate, or of any parte of the same, or of any patronages, for the mayntenaunce of studentes, or learnyng, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as though this acte hadde neuer been made.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Deane and Canons of the Freechappell of S. George the Martyr, within the Castle of Windsor, and al the possessions and hereditamentes of the same Freechappel, Deanry, and Cannons, by whatsoeuer name or names they be incorporated or knowen, shalbe exonerated, and shal stand for euer discharged of the tenthes and fyrst fruites before mentioned: any thyng in this acte, or anye other acte or statute before mentioned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also and be it enacted, that all leasses made before the twentie day of December last past, for .xxi. yeeres, or three lyues at the most, by any person or persons, bodyes politique or corporate, beyng lawfully seased of, or in any of the sayde personages impropriate, or of, or in any other the premisses woont commonly to be let, or set to farme, then beyng out of lease, or whereof there was not at the time of the makyng of the sayde lease or leasses, any former lease to endure aboue one yeere then to come at the most, and vppon whiche newe lease or leasses, the olde yeerely rent accustomably woont to be payde for the same by the space of .xx. yeeres last before the makyng of suche lease or leasses, or more yeerely rent is reserued and payable durying the sayde terme, and all other lawfull grauntes by them or anye of them heretofore made of anye office or offices, in olde tyme woont commonly to be graunted, and al gyftes and grauntes of any personage or personages impropriate, heretofore belongyng to the Archedeaconrie of Welles, in the Countie of Somerset, or to the incumbent of the same office or dignitie, or to the incumbent of the same lately geuen and restored, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, as though

though this acte or any thyng therein conteyned had not beene had or made.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforelayde, that the layde Archdeaconry, and all Rectories and spirituall promotions, geven, assigned, limitted, or appointed to the same, and all and euery Incumbentes and Incumbent, whiche hereafter shalbe presented, collated, preferred, and admitted vnto the layde Archdeaconry, and the Rectories and spirituall promotions thereynto limitted and appointed, or appurteynyng and belongyng, shall stande, remayne, and be charged and chargeable with the payment of the fyrst fruites and tenthes for the same, to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres, and successours, in suche lyke manner and fourme as other spirituall promotions, and the Incumbentes of the same, be and shalbe charged and chargeable by this acte, or by any other acte or statute before specified.

Prouided alwayes and be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that so many of the layde Rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profytes, and emoluments ecclesiasticall and spirituall, and euery of them, and the reuertion and reuersions of them, and all rentes and profites vnto the same or any of them incident or belongyng, as were at and before the sayde eyght day of August in the handes or possessions of the sayde late Queene Marie, and within the surueye, rule, and order of the court of the Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe agayne within the order, surueye, rule, and gouernaunce of the sayde court, in suche and the same maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as they were at and before the sayde eyght day of August, in the sayde seconde and thyrde yeeres of the reigne of the sayde late kyng and Queene: any thyng in this acte, or in the sayde acte of the same late kyng and Queene to the contrary thereof, in any wyse not withstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie of this Parliament, that no person or persons, presented, instituted, or inducted at any time sithence the fyrst day of this present Parliament, or that shalbe presented, instituted, or inducted on this syde the feaste of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commyng, to any the sayde spirituall or ecclesiasticall promotions, chargeable to or with the payment of the fyrst fruites or one yeeres profites of suche promotion, shall incurre anye penaltie or forfayture, by entryng into anye of the sayde Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall promotions, or by takyng the profites thereof, for the non payment or not compoundyng of or for the fyrst fruites thereof, so that he or anye other for hym, shall or doo compounde for the same fyrste fruites, accordyng to the true

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meanyng of the ſtatute, before the ſayde feaſt of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptiſt: any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhal not in any wyſe extend to charge any hoſpital founded and vſed, and the poſſeſſions thereof employed to and for the releefe of poore people, or any Scoole or Scooles, or the poſſeſſions or reuenues of them, or any of them, within the payment of any tenthes or fyfte frutes: any thyng in this acte before mentioned to the contrary, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

An Acte whereby certayne offences be made Treaſon.

The. vi. Chapter.

WHERE in the Parliament holden at weſtminſter the xii. day of Nouember, in the ſeconde yeere of the reigne of the late Queene Marie, ſyſter vnto our moſt gratious Souereigne Ladye the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, there was one acte or ſtatute made for the better ſuertie and preſeruation of the ſayde late Queene, entituled, An act whereby certayne offences be made treaſons, as by the ſame acte more at large both appeare. And for as muche as the very wordes and ſentences of the ſayd eſtatute, doo extend no further but vnto the ſaid late Queene Marie, and the heyres of her body: Therefore yf any ſuche lyke offences as be mentioned and conteyned within the ſayde ſtatute, ſhoulde hereafter happen to be committed againſt our ſayd Souereigne Lady that nowe is, there were no due remedie, or condigne punyſhment prouided for the ſame.

In conſyderation whereof, and to thintent that the malice of wicked and euyll doers may the better be reſtrayned by the extendyng of the effect and benefite of the matters conteyned in the ſayde eſtatute, to our moſt deare Souereigne Lady that nowe is, and for the more ſuretie and preſeruation of her highneſſe royal eſtate, be it enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, with the aſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, & by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that yf any perſon or perſons, after the fyrſt day of May next to come, doo malitiouſly, aduiſedly, and directly, compaſſe or imagine to deprriue the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, or the heyres of her body to be begotten, beyng Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, from the ſtyle, honour, & kyngly name of the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme, or from any other the Realmes

Realme, and dominions, vnder the obeysance and rightfull Lawe apper-
teyning and belonging vnto the Queenes Highnesse that nowe is, or
any the heyres of her body, being Kinges or Queenes of
this Realme, or within any
of the same, or within any
other Realmes or Dominions, aboue declared, against the Queenes
Highnesse that nowe is, or any the heyres of her body, being Kinges or
Queenes of this Realme, from the Imperiall Crowne of the same, and dimi-
nishe or impeache any the Queenes Highnesse that nowe is, or any the
heyres of her body, being Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, of any
their Dignities, Styles, Titles, Iurisdictions, Prerogatiues, or Preeminences
belonging to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme, or any other Realmes
or Dominions aforesayde, that then euery such offence, and offences
shall be adiudged, and deemed high Treason, and that euery person and
persons so offending, and being thereof lawfully conuicted and attainted,
shall for the same offence, and offences, suffer, and lose, and forfeite all
and singuler such Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, Goodes, Debtes,
Chattelles, Leases, Rentes, Annuities, Offices, Fees, Liberties, Priuileges,
Franchises, Gouernementes, Iurisdictions, Preeminences, Dignities, Pro-
fittes, Commodities, Offices, Fees, Annuities, Rentes, Leases, Chattelles,
Debtes, Goodes, Hereditamentes, and Tenementes, which he, she, or they
shall haue, or may haue, of any estate of Inheritance, or for life, or lyues,
or otherwise, at the time of the said offence, or offences committed, done,
or perpetrated, or at any time after, to the Queenes Highnesse that nowe
is, and to the heyres of her body, being Kinges or Queenes of this Realme,
and to the Imperiall Crowne of the same, and that euery such offender,
and offenders, for euery such offence, and offences, shall lose, forfeite, and
suffer, as in case of high Treason is vsed, and ought to be.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie afore-
sayde, that all and euery Ecclesiasticall person, being conuicted or
attainted in any the offences aforesayde, for euery suche his offence, shall imme-
diatly and presently vpon such attaynder had, be iudged and remayne
in the lawe to all intentes depriued from all his benefices and promo-
cions Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall, in suche maner and fourme, that
it shalbe lawfull for euery patrone, founder, or gyuer thereof, to pre-
sent immediatly after suche attaynder had, some one or other to the

same, as though the sayd offendour or offendours were dead.

And if any person or persons having heretofore committed or attainted of any the sayd offences, in such manner aforesayd committed, shall after this or their manifestation or declaration of such offences commit or perpetrate any of the sayd offences in forme aforesayd, That then every such seconde offence or offences, shalbe deemed and adiudged high treason, & the offendour or offendours therein, their abettours, procurers, counsaylours, and all & every their aydours & comfoorters, knowing the sayde offences or any of them to be done, being thereof convicted or attainted according to the lawes & statutes of this Realme, shalbe iudged & deemed high traytours, & shall suffer paynes of death, and loose & forfeyte all their goodes, catalls, landes, & tenementes, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, as in cases of high treason by the lawes of this Realme at this day of right ought to be lost and forfeyted.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayde fyrste day of May next to come, by any writyng, printyng, coyne, bedge or act, maliciously, advisedly, and directly, do attempt, that the Queenes Maiestie that now is, ought not to have and enioy the stile, honour, and kingly name of this Realme: or that any person or persons, other then the Queenes Maiestie that now is, ought to have & enioy the style, honour, and kingly name of this Realme: or that the Queenes Maiestie that now is, hir kyngly hyre stile, is not, or ought not to be Queene of this Realme: or after her death, that the heyres of her bygynelle body being Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, of right ought not to have & enioy the imperiall Crowne of this Realme: or that any person or persons, other then the Queenes Maiestie that now is, duryng her life, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body begotten, being Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, as long as any of her sayd heyres of her body shalbe in lyfe, of right ought to have and enioy the imperiall Crowne of this Realme: that then every such offence & offences shalbe adiudged high treason, and the offendour and offendours therein, their abbettours, procurers, and counsaylours, and all and every their aydours and comfoorters, knowyng the sayde offences or any of them to be done, beyng thereof lawfully convicted or attaynted by the lawes of this Realme, shalbe deemed and adiudged high traytours, and shall suffer paynes of death, and loose and forfeyte all their goodes and catelles, landes and tenementes, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, as in cases of high treason by the lawes of this Realme, at this day of right ought to be lost and forfeyted.

Sauing to every person and persons, bodyes politique & corporate, their heyres and successours (other then the offendours and their heyres, and suche person and persons, as clayme to any of their bles) all

al such rightes, titles, interestes, possessions, leases, rentes, reuersions, offices, and other profytes, which they or any of them shall haue at the day of the committyng such treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample manner, as yf this acte had neuer been had ne made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it declared and enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that concealement, or keepyng secret of any hygh treasons, be deemed and taken onely misprysion of treason, and the offendours therein to forfeyte and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason hath heretofore been vsed: anye thyng aboue mentioned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that if it shall fortune hereafter any of the peeres of this Realme, to be indited of any the offences made treason, or misprision of treason by this acte, that then the same peeres or peres so beyng indited, shalbe put to answere to euery such inditement before the high Steward of England for the tyme beyng, and to haue his & their tryall of his and their peeres, and to receiue and haue such like iudgement vpon the same tryall of his or their peeres, or make open confession of the same offence or offences, as is vsed in other cases of hygh treasons.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no parson or persons shall in anye wyse be impeached for anye the offences aforesayd committed, onely by open preachyng or wordes, vnlesse the offendour or offendours be thereof indited within sixe monethes next after the same open preachyng or wordes: any thyng mentioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that the counsaylours, procurers, comforters, and abbettours mentioned in this act, for his or their fyrst offesce, shall suffer like punishment, penaltie and forfeyture, as is conteyned in this acte agaynst the principall offendours for their fyrst offence, and none other: and that the counsaylours, procurers, comforters, & abbettours, for his or their seconde offence, shall suffeyne like punishment, penaltie, and forfeyture, as is conteyned in this acte, agaynst the principall offendour or offendours, for the seconde offence, and none other.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons, shalbe hereafter indited or arraigned for any offence or offences made treason, or misprision of treason, by this acte, vnlesse the same offence & offences of treason & misprision of treason aforesaid, be proued by the testimonie, deposition, and oth of two lawfull and sufficient witnesses, at the time of his & their inditement, which said witnesses also at the tyme of the arraignement of the partie so indited (yf they be then lyuing) shalbe brought forth in person before the partie so arraigned face to face, and there shal auowe and openly declare al they can say agaynst the sayd partie so indited, vnlesse the sayde partie so indited shall wyllyngly without violence confesse the same.

Anno Primo

¶ An acte for the explanation of the Statute of seditious wordes and rumours.

The. vi. Chapter.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Westminster, the. xxi. day of Nouember, in the fyrst and seconde yeeres of the reignes of the late King Philip and Queene Marie (syster vnto our souereigne Lady the Queenes hyghnes that now is) & there continued & kept, vntyll the. xvi. day of Januarie then next ensuing, there was one acte or statute then & there made, entituled, An acte agaynst seditious wordes & rumours, which act was then made to endure to thend of the next Parliament: & after in the next Parliament holden at Westminster the. xxi. day of October, in the second & thirde yeeres of the reignes of the sayd late King and Queene, & there continued vntyll the. xx. day of October then next folowyng, the said statute was then further continued vntyll the last day of the next Parliament: and after in one other Parliament holden at Westminster the. xx. day of January, in the fourth and fifth yeeres of the reignes of the sayd late kyng & Queene, and there continued vntyl the. vii. day of March then next folowyng, the sayd acte and statute was then & there further continued, reuiued, and enacted, to stande and be in full force and strength, vnto the last day of the next Parliament: in which act (amongst other thynges) certayne punishment is prouided for suche persons as shoulde malitiously vtter or speake any false, seditious, and slaunderous newes, rumours, or tales of the sayd late kyng and Queene, as by the same acte and statute more at large it doth and may appeare.

And forasmuche as the sayde acte and statute sithen the making thereof hath been proued to be a very good and necessarie lawe, for due correction and punishment of suche lyght and euyll disposed persons, as most seditiously dyd spreade abroade very false and slaunderous rumours and tales, to the great disturbance of the common tranquilitie of this Realme: and for that it is doubtfull whether the sayde statute, and the wordes and sentences of the same, extende any farther then onely to the sayde late kyng and Queene, and whether the same statute geue any remedie agaynst suche persons as shall malitiously vtter or speake any false, seditious, and slaunderous rumours, newes, or tales, against our Souereigne Lady the Queenes highnes that nowe is, or not. For remedie whereof, and for a playne declaration and explanation of the sayde former acte: be it therefore declared, ordeyned, & enacted, by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte and statute made in the sayd fyrst and second yeeres of the

reignes

reignes of the sayd late kyng & Quene, and continued as is aforesayd, and all & every clause, article, wordes, sentences, clauses, prouisions, and thynges therin conteyned, shall from henceforth by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, be expounded, iudged, taken and deemed in all thynges, to extende to the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, as fully and largely, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as though the same were pas by expresse wordes extended to the heyres and successours of the sayd late Quene: any exception, ambiguitie, or doubt, heretofore, risen, or made, or hereafter happening to arise, ryse, or to be moued to the contrary in any thyng notwithstanding. And that all and euery person and persons, which hereafter shall maliciously deuise or speake any false, seditious, or slaunderous newes, rumours, sayinges, or tales, of the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, or of the heyres of her body, being Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, or shall commit or doo any the offences expressed in the sayd act, against our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Quene that now is, or the heyres of her body, being Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, and being therof conuicted or attainted, according to the fourme and order in the sayd former act expressed, shall from henceforth incurre suche paynes & penalties, and haue suche and the same tryall, iudgement, and punishment for the same offences, as in the sayd act is limitted and appointed, and according to the fourme, tenour, and effect of the same act, and none otherwyse.

An acte to reuiue a Statute made in the xxiii. yeere of the reigne of kyng Henry the viii. touchyng the conueying of Hoales, Geldinges, and Mares into Scotlande.

The vii. Chapter.

WHere in the Parliament holden at London the thyrde day of Nouember, in the xxi. yeere of the reigne of the late kyng of moste worthie memorie kyng Henrie the eyght, and from thence aduerned and prolonged to Westminster, and there continued by diuers prorogations, vntyll the xv. day of Januarie in the xxiii. yeere of the reigne of the sayde late kyng, amongst other thynges there was one act or statute made, whereby the selling, exchanging, or conueyeng of any Hoales, Geldynges, or Mares, into Scotlande, by any Englyshe man, shoulde be felonie, which acte or statute is intituled, An acte that no Englishe man shoulde sell, exchaunge, or conuaie, to be conueyed into Scotlande, any Hoale, Geldyng, or Mare, without the kynges lycence, as by the same acte and statute more at large dooth and may appeare. And although the same statute was a very good and necessarie lawe for the mayntenaunce of the strength of this Realme, and for

the due preseruation of the state of the same, yet the sayd statute by certayne actes of repeale made, aswel in the time of the late king Edward the first, as also in the time of the late Queene Marie, was by certaine generall wordes repealed and made voyde, by reason whereof, diuers wycked and euyll disposed persons, haue of late tyme for theyr owne priuate gayne, conueyed diuers Hides, Geldinges, and Mares, out of this Realme in to Scotland, to the great strength and boldening of the Scottish, and muche to the detriment and hinderance of this Realme,

Wherefore be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayd acte and statute made in the sayde xxiii. yeere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight, and al and euery branche, sentences, articles, wordes, matters, & clauses therein conteyned, shall from the fyrst day of May next commyng, stande, remayne and continue in full force and strength, to al intentes and purposes, as fully and as wholly as euer the same was at any tyme heretofore any act or statute of repeale, or any other matter or cause whatsoeuer to the contrarie, notwithstandyng.

An Acte touchyng Shoomakers, and Curriers.

The. viii. Chapter.

WHere at a Parliament holden at Westminster by̅ prorogation the. xb. day of Aprill, in the first yeere of the reigne of our late souereigne Lord king Edwarde the first, brother to the Queenes Maiestie, it was enacted amongst other thynges, agaynst regratours of tanned Leather, that no person or persons of what estate, degree, or condition so euer he or they be, shal buye, ingrosse, or cause to be bought or ingrossed, any kynde of tanned Leather, to the intent to sell the same agayne, sauyng only Sadlers, Gyrdlers, Cordwayners, and al other Artificers, which shall make thereof any kynde of wares to be sold, as by the same acte more plainely at large may appeare: which act was in the Parliament holden at Westminster the second day of Aprill, in the fyrst yeere of the reigne of our late souereigne lady Queene Marie, repealed, made voyde, and of none effect: and one other acte was then made, entituled, Touchyng the buying and currying of Leather. The repealyng of which acte, as experience hath sithence taught vs, hath brought Shooes, Bootes, Males, Saddles, and al other kynd of wares made of tanned Leather, to great & vnreasonable prices, to the vndoyng of a great number of the Queenes Maiesties poore subiectes.

For reformation whereof, be it ordeyned, enacted, & established by the Queenes Maiestie, the Lordes Spiritual & Temporal, and the Commons

mente of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the foresayde Statute made in the first yeere of the Reigne of the sayde late King Edwarde the first, and entituled, Against all regrates of tanned leather, and euery article, braunche, sentence, and clause, therein conteyned, shalbe reuoked, and stand in none force from the first day of Aprill next commyng: in as full force, strength, and effect, as though the foresayde acte made the seconde day of Aprill, in the fyfth yeere of Queene Maries reigne, touchyng the buying and currying of leather, whereby the sayde former acte is repealed, had neuer been had or made.

And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Statute and acte made in the fyfth yeere of Queene Maries reigne, late the Queenes Maiestie, entituled, An acte touchyng the buying and currying of Leather, and euery braunche, sentence, and article, therein conteyned, shall from the sayde fyrst day of Aprill, not stande, but be vtterly repealed, and be of no force nor strength: any clause, sentence, or article therein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse not withstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that when and as often as any Shoomaker, or his deputie, doth bring any Leather sufficiently tanned, to any Currieur to be curried (deliuering sufficient liquor for wel dressyng of the same) the same shalbe by euery such Currieur well and sufficiently curried and made redy for the Shoomaker, within the space of fiue dayes in Sommer, that is to say, from the fyrst day of March to the last day of September. And also in lyke maner within the space of tenne dayes in Wynter, that is to say, from the fyrst day of October, vnto the last day of February, vpon payne to forfeyte to the partie greeued, for euery hyde not curried and dressed in maner and fourme aforesayd, the summe of x.s.

Prouided further, that this prouiso shal not extend to bind any Currieur to dresse any leather, which by doing his best, is not able to dresse within euery of the times aforesaid, but shal extend to al such Leather as he conueniently may dresse, after the common rate of the dressing.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons, vsyng or occupyng the feate and mystery of Shoomakers, shal from henceforth worke or make any Bootes or Shooes of Neates Leather, that shalbe mingled, made, or wrought with any other Leather, but only Neates Leather of it selfe, vnlesse it be in ẏ hemmes or lining of Bootes, Shooes, or Slippers, & that they shal put in al & euery Bootes, Shooes, or Slippers, made of Neates Leather, innersoles made of Wombes, whiche shalbe wel & truely tanned & curried, and also all such other Bootes, Shooes, and Slippers, as shalbe made of dry Neates Leather, or Calues Leather, not to be

mingled

myngled with any other kind of Leather (saving in the soles) but only of it selfe, vnlesse it be in hemmes or lininges of the same: that is to say, Neates Leather of it selfe, & Calues Leather of it selfe, vpon payne of forfeyture of al such hootes, shoes, & slyppers, made to the contrary.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the one moytie of all suche forfeytures afore named, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her highnesse heyres: and the other moytie to hym or them that sewe or syll sue for the same penalties in any the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, by action of debt, byll, complaynt, information, or otherwyse wherein no wager of leme, essoygne, protection, or iniunction, shalbe admitted or alowed for the defendaunt in that behalfe.

An Acte touchyng Tanners, and the sellyng of Tanned Leather.

The. ix. Chapter.

FOr sundry good causes and consyderations, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliamente, that no person or persons, hauing landes, tenementes, or rentes of fre hold or inheritaunce, or for terme of lyfe, to the cleare yeerely value of .x.li. or aboue, except suche person and persons as haue anye Tanhouse, and doth occupie the mysterie of tannyng at this present, and accept an Apprentice and other brought vp and taught, or to be brought vp and taught as couenaunt tertiarunt, or hyred for that purpose by the space of foure yeeres in the mysterie or craft of tannyng of Leather, shall vse or haue profite, gayne, or commoditie, of, or by the sayd mysterie or craft of tannyng of Leather, after the feast of S. Michael tharchangel next commyng, vpon paine of forfeyting of al such Leather so to be tanned, or the full value thereof.

And be it further enacted, that from and after the feast of S. Michael tharchangel, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God. M. D. lx. no person or persons shall vse or exercise the feate, craft, or mysterie of tannyng of Leather, or shall by any meanes receyue anye profyte, gayne, or lucre by tannyng of Leather, but only in a Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, where sellers shalbe vsually appoynted, except he or they haue been apprentice, exercised, and brought vp, as is aforesayd, in the sayde craft and mysterie, by the space of foure yeeres as the lawe, and also excepted the sonne & heyre or wyfe of euery such Tanner, to theyr owne vse and vses, vpon paine of forfeiture of al the Leather so tanned contrary to this act, or the value thereof.

And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons whatsoeuer, shall after the fyrste day of

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May next commyng, buye, bargayne, beſpeake, or take promiſe of bargayne, of or for any rawe Hyde, or Calues ſkinne, but of or for ſuch and the ſame, as ſhalbe preſent in Fayre or Market then to be ſolde, neither ſhall put or cauſe to be put to ſale anye kinde of tanned Leather, read, and vnwrought in any place within this Realme, other then in open Market or Fayre, in the place therefore commonly accuſtomed, and therefore prepared, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery Hyde. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery dolen of Calues ſkinnes, iii. s. iiii. d. and the Hyde and Hydes and Leather in any other wyſe ſolde or bought, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that no perſon whatſoeuer, ſhall or may after the feaſt of S. Michael Tharchangel next commyng, buye, bargayne, beſpeake, or take promyſe of bargayne, of or for any tanned Leather vnwrought, as is aforeſayde, but only ſuch perſon or perſons as haue been, be, or ſhalbe brought vp in curryng of Leather into made wares, and doo, wyll, and ſhall woorke and conuert the ſame into Leather, cut into made wares wrought, vppon payne of forfeyture of the Leather ſo bought, bargayned, or beſpoke, or the value thereof. And where as at a Parliament holden at Weſtminſter vpon prorogation the ſeconde and thyrde yeeres of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the ſixt, touchyng the Queenes vyctuelle, amongſt other thynges in an acte, entituled, An acte for true curryng of Leather, vpon diuers good conſyderations, it was enacted, that euery Tanner ſhal cut of euery Wombe of euery Ore Hyde, fiue inches broade, and of euery Steere Hyde fiue inches broade, and of euerye Cowe Hyde eyght inches broade of aſſiſe in the narrowe place, as by the ſayde acte more at large appeareth. Sythens whiche tyme, the greedie and inſaciable couetouſneſſe of many of the Tanners haue been ſuche, to defraude the ſayde good and godly acte, that they wyll not cut of the Wombes of the Hydes, nor bryng them to the Market to be ſolde, ſo that the Cordwayners can not haue Wombes to put into the inner ſoles of Boots, Shooes, Startoppes, and Slippers, accordyng to the tenour of the ſayde ſtatute in that caſe prouided: be it therefore enacted by the Queenes royall Maieſtie, the Lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by thauctoritie of the ſame, that all and euery perſon and perſons, that dooth occupie, or ſhall hereafter occupie the tannyng or barkyng of any Ore, Steere, or Cowe Hyde or Hydes, to be conuerted for ſole Leather, for or in the name of ſole Leather, now commonly called backes, ſhall cut or cauſe to be cut of euery ſuche Ore, Steere or Cowe Hyde or Hydes, that ſhalbe tanned or wrought for ſole Leather, commonly called backes, two peeces, whiche is now called Wombes, of euery ſuche Hyde or Backe that ſhalbe wrought, barcate, or tanned for backes, vpon paine of forfeyting of euery ſuch Hyde or Hydes, Backe,

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or backes so tanned or wrought, the wombes being not cut of, vi.s. viii.d. for every Hyde.

And be it also further enacted, by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that every Tanner or Tanners, or any other person or persons that occupieth, or hereafter shall occupie the mysterie of tannyng of Leather, and that shall cut of, or cause to be cut of those two peeces above named, called Wombes, shal begin upon the two hinder thankes of every suche Hyde, and ther cut two peeces, and so cut throughout alongst the belly to the forethankes, and there to cut of both the forethankes, and those two peeces so called Wombes, to be well and truely tanned, after the manner of inner sole Leather, and to conteyne of good and drye tanned Leather five inches broade of assise in the narrowest place, according to the syle of the standerd in the Exchequer, when they be tanned or put to sale, or offered to be solde, promised, or bargayne made, upon payne of forfeyture of .iii.s.iiii.d. for everye Woombe being cut lesse then so many inches broade of assise in the narrowest place, as is aboue sayd.

And be it further enacted, that every Tanner or other person that occupieth, or hereafter shall occupie the mysterie of Tannyng of Leather, which after the feast of the byrth of our Lorde Jesus Christ nexte comming, shall put to sale, or offer to be solde in any fayre or markets, any backe or backes, shall bring at the selfe same tyme to the fayre or markettes, where he or they shall put suche backe or backes to sale, for every backe, the two forenamed peeces called Woombes, there to be solde with the backes, or other wyse as the fayre or market shall bring best fetche, so that they be solde in the open market, upon payne of forfeyture of every such backe or backes so brought to be solde, or offered to be solde, or the value thereof, not bauying the Woombes there in the open market or fayre as aforesayd.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons shall after the fyrst day of May nexte comming, sell, or cause to be solde any maner of Leather (clout Leather solde in small peeces only excepted) except he or they register, or cause to be registred the sayde Leather, and every part and parcell thereof, upon payne of forfeyture of the value of the Leather so brought and not registred, and also the buyer to forfeyte the sayde Leather, so bought and not registred, as is aforesayde.

And be it further enacted, that suche person or persons as are, or hereafter shalbe affigned or appoynted Searchers, Sealer or Sealers of tanned Leather, by vertue of any acte or statute heretofore, or hereafter to be made, shall keepe one booke to register, to enter all suche bargaynes as shalbe made for Leather, Hides, or Skinnes (clout Leather solde in small peeces onely excepted) by any person or persons, buying

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and by all the Clerke of the Crowne in Wardet, and shall entre all such bar-
gaynes, payng therefore to be required by the buyer or the seller, taking for
his or their payne and travayle the some to be taken, and for the regi-
strying thereof, of the seller of every dicker of Leather so entred one
penie, for every five dosen of Calues skinnes, one penie, and so after the
rate, and no more or greater summe or summes of money to be paied
for entring of the same, or any payne of such payne for not entrying and
registring, as is aforesayde, for every dicker of Kerseis, xii.d. and for
every dosen of Calues skinnes viii.d. and so after the rate. And
where also sondry other persons, as Brewers, Victuallers, Inholders, Ale-
sellers, possessioners of Colledges, and Hospitalles, Gentlemen, holden
prouision for their howses, their family or otherwise, in the seconde
yeere of his most gracious reigne, authorized [illegible]
to the ende of the next Parliament then followyng, and after the same
acte was required at some other Parliament holden at Westminster the
fyfth day of March, in the fifth yeere of the reigne of the same kyng
Edwarde the first, to continue till the ende of the next Parliament
then followyng; and after the same acte was graunted in the seconde
and last sessyon of our Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie holden upon
prorogacion at Westminster the fourteenth day of October, in the first
yeere of her graces reigne, to continue till the ende of the next Par-
liament then followyng, which being expired, and the same acte neuer
the lesse sondrie persons daily practise and vse the same. And for as much as the
same acte is good & beneficiall for the common wealth of this Realme:
be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the Queenes moste
Soueraigne Lady, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall & Temporall,
and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by
the authoritie of the same, that the said acte made in the seconde yeere
of the said kyng Edwarde the first, and all wordes, clauses, articles,
and prouisions in the same, except these wordes, Ale barley Malt
wort, Meale or Culuer doung, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and
endure, in as full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions and
purposes, and that no Tanner in or about the tanning of any Lea-
ther, shall vse or exercise any other kynde of thinge, but only Ale barley,
Ale barley, Malt wort, Meale, Lime, or Culuer doung.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde,
that the one moytie of all such forfeitures afore mencioned shalbe to our
Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her highnesse heyres
or successours, and the other moytie to him or them that shall sue or syte
for the same penalties in name of the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of
Recorde, by action of debt, bill, complaynt, information, or other wyse,
wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne, protection, or inimitation, shalbe
admitted or allowed for the defendaunte in that behalfe.

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An Act for the true making of Leather.

WHere at this present time diuers and many persons, as well Cordyners, Bootchers, and Glouers, as other persons, vse to buy and sell, by wholesale and retayle, great quantities of Leather, tanned, tawed, or dressed within this Realme, and conueyed, or caused to be conueyed out of the same into the parts beyonde the Seas, there to be solde by them or their factours, whereby great losse and penurie hereof hath ensued within this Realme, to the great hinderance, vexation, and discouragement of the Artificers, and to the decay of the Townes corporate, and other places within this Realme, to the great hinderance, and disseruice of the Queenes most louing Subiectes: For reformation whereof be it enacted by the Queenes most Excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, That no person or persons, whatsoeuer he or they be, Denizen or Stranger, from and after the fyrst day of Iune next coming, shall shippe, conuey, or cause, procure, or cause to be shipped or conueyed, or to any shippe, vessell, or other vessell, in, or vppon the Seas, or in, or vppon other Hauen, River, Creeke, or place within this Realme of England, or Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, any manner of Leather tanned or tanning, or any tawed or tawing Hydes, or any Leather called Dacker, or Sole Leather, or any Calfe skin, to the intent to transport or carry the same into any the parties beyonde the Seas, there to be sette, solde, or vttered by way of Marchandise, vppon payne that euery such offendour, shall forfeit, and lose for euery such offence. And that euery offender and persons, being aboue the age of twelue yeares, lawfully conuicted, by the due order of the common lawes of this Realme, before Iustices that shall haue power and authoritie to heare and determine the same by the common lawes, shall for euery such offence suffer such paynes of death, and forfeytures of goodes and cattels, as he or they should haue doone, if he or they had been lawfully conuicted for any offence being Felonie by the common lawe of this Realme.

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And also that forfeyte to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres, & successours, all his or their landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes duryng the tyme of any suche offendour offendyng. And for the better execution of this acte, and for the suerying with the offendours therein, be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and every offence & offences, committed or done by any person or persons, contrary to this acte, from and after the xxv. day of June next comyng, shalbe enquyred of, tryed, determined, and iudged in such Counte or Shyres meetinge, or other the Queenes Commissions, as shalbe next conioynyng to the place where any such offence shalbe done, commaunde any iurisdiction, auctoritie, or vsage to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extende or be enterpreted to make anye corruption of blood of anye suche offendour, or of any heyre of any suche offendour, but that euery heyre and heyres, of euery suche offendour and offendours, in anye of the cases aforesayde, shall the wyfes of euery suche offendour, shall haue after the death of euery suche offendour or offendours, lyke title, interest, clenesse, profite, commoditie, action, and aduantage, as they or any of them should haue had, yf any suche offence, conuiction, or attaynder had not been had nor made: Saueing to all & euery person and persons, bodyes politique and corporate, their heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euery of them, other then all and euery suche offendour and offendours, which shalbe conuicted or attainted by any suche offence, all suche right, title, interest, reuenues, leases, commons, profites, commodities, aduantages, and hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, as they or any of them myght or ought to haue had in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, portions, seruices, hereditamentes, or other thynges whatsoeuer, within or to any parte or parcell thereof, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as he or they should haue had, yf suche attaynder had or neuer been had nor made: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be hurtfull or preiudiciall to anye Captayne of anye Shippe in the tyme of warre, beyng in the ordinarie and seruice of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successours, or to anye owner or owners of anye Shippe or Shippes of anye other beyng the Queenes subiectes, and resyaunt in any forreine partes beyonde the sea, for the hauing, carryeng, and deliuering within them, in tyme of warre, of any powder, shotte, or other munycion, Iron, Leather, or Tallowe, for the necessary vses about their sayd Shippe or Shippes, so that it be not to be landed beyonde the

feate, by any fraud or couine, by way of Merchaundize: this acte or any thyng therin contained to the contrary, in any wise not withstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that this act, or the effect and substaunce thereof, shalbe openly read, published, or declared, at euery quarter Sessions, and at euery Lete or Lawday, by the Justices that shall gene the charge at the Sessions, and by the Steward of the Lete or Lawday, in his charge when he keepeth the Lete or Lawday. This acte to endure from the fayde fyrst day of June, and to continue the space of fiue yeeres, and from thence vnto the ende of the next parliament, after the sayd fiue yeeres.

¶ *An act limiting the times for laying on lande Merchaundize from beyonde the seas, and touchyng Customes for sweete wynes.*

The xi Chapter.

MOste humblye beseching, beseechen, your highnesse, your Lordes, and commons in this present Parliament assembled, that where the summes of money, payde in the names of Customes, Subsidies, of wares and merchaundizes transported out, and brought into this your highnesse Realme of Englande, by any merchaunt straunger, or denizen, is an auncient reuenue annexed and vnited to your imperiall crowne, and hath in the tyme of kyng Edwarde the thyrde and other your most noble progenitours, amounted to great and notable summes of money, tyll of late yeeres many greedye and couetous persons, respectyng more theyr priuate gayne and commoditie, then theyr duetie and allegiaunce, or the common profyte of the Realme, haue and doo daylye as well by conueying the same theyr wares and Merchaundizes out of creekes and places where no customer is resident, as also by or through the negligence or corruption of the customer, searcher, or other officer, where they be resident, as by diuers other fraudulent, vndue, and subtyll practises and deuises, conuey theyr goodes and Merchaundizes, as well brought from the parties beyonde the sea, as transported out of this your Realme of Englande, without payment, or agreeyng for the payment of the Customes and Subsidies therfore due: whereby the yerely reuenue aforesayde, is very much impayred and diminished, to the great losse and damage of your highnesse, and to the great burden and charge of your louing subiectes, who by occasion therof haue of late yeeres ben more charged with subsidies, and payment for the supplement of the saide losse and damage, then els we shoulde haue ben.

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out) ought it maye therefore be enacted by the auctholitie of this present parliament, that it shall not be lawfull to or for any person or persons whatsoeuer, from and after the fyrste day of September next comming, to lade or put, or cause to be laden or put aborde any ship or other vessell, any goodes, wares or merchandizes whatsoeuer (fishe taken by your highnesse subiectes, onely excepted) to be transported into any place of the parties beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, as to take vp, discharge, and lay on lande, or cause or procure to be taken vp, or discharged out of any Lyghter, Hoyse, Trayer, vessell, or Bottome, being not of the burthen of fyue tunnes, and laye or lande any goodes, wares, or merchandizes whatsoeuer (fishe taken by your highnesse subiectes, and all other excepted) to be brought from any the parties beyonde the sea, or the Realme of Scotlande, by way of merchandize, but onely in the day lighte, that is to say, from the fyrste of March, vntyll the last of September, betwyxte the sunne rysyng, and the sunne settyng, and from the last of September, vntyll the fyrste of March, betweene the houres of seuen in the morning, and fourre of the clocke afternoone, and in, and vpon some suche open place, Keye or Wharfe, places, Keyes, or Wharfes, as your highnesse, your heyres, or successours, shall or shall sythe the said first day of September thereafter assigne and appoynte by vertue of your highnesse commission or commissioners, within your graces porte of London, Southampton, Bristowe, Wellchester, Newcastell, and the suburbes of the same, and euery of them, and in some open place, Key, Wharfe, places, Keyes, or Wharfes, in all other Portes, Creekes, Hauens or Rodes, (Hul onely excepted) where a Customer, Comptroller, and Searcher, of such Portes, Hauens, Creekes, or Rodes, or euery of them, or the seruauntes of any of them, haue by the space of twelue yeeres last past ben accustomably resident, or herafter shalbe resident, vpon payne of forfayture of all suche goodes, wares, or merchandizes to laden and discharged contrary to the true meanyng of this acte, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the auctholitie aforesayde, that no maister of person or persons, after the sayde day, shall receyue or take into any hyp, Trayer, or other vessell, any goodes, wares, or merchandizes (except before excepted) to be transported into anye place beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, by waye of merchandize, nor shall discharge and laye on lande, out of anye hyppe, Trayer, or other vessell, anye goodes, wares, or merchandize (except before excepted) beyng brought from anye place beyonde the sea, or out of the Realme of Scotlande, by waye of merchandize, in anye other place or places, or at anye other hauens or rodes,

them is before limitted and appointed, vpon paine that the owner and owners, maister and maisters, or other person or persons, whiche shal take charge or gouerning of any suche shyppe, Crayer, or bottel, or of the merchauntes goodes, durying and for that voyage, shall forfayte & lose for euery suche offence C. pounde of lawfull money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by auctheritie aforesayde, that no maister, shyppar or Purser, or other person or persons taking charge of the voyage, or of the merchauntes goodes, shall after the sayde day receyue or take into any Shyppe, Crayer, or other bessell, anye goodes, wares or merchaundize (except before excepted) to be caryed or transported into anye of the partes beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande before he shall haue signified to the Customer of the porte where he laideth, & other officers there, in the open custome house, if any such be there, or els where the said officers, their deputies or seruantes, or anye of them, be or shalbe vsually resident, that he entendeth to lade, and to what place he entendeth to passe, nor shal after his or their full lading depart out of the Porte, Creeke, or streame, where he shall so lade, before he doo in lyke maner signifie vnto the Customer, and other officers as is aforesayd, of his lading, and what merchaunts and other persons shall haue lading with him or in his shyp, crayer, bessel, or botome: & further truely to answeare to suche questions as shalbe mynistred to him or them, by the Customer or other officer, concernyng suche wares and merchaundize as he shall haue laden, being examined vpon his or their oth, or other wyse in the open custome house, or otherwyse, as is aforesayde, vpon peyne to forfayte for euery such default not truely aduertifying nor aunswearyng, as is aforesayde, a hundred pounde.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that no owner, maister, purser, or other person, taking charge of any shippe, crayer, bessell, or botome, wherein any goodes, wares, or merchaundizes (except before excepted) shalbe laden and brought, from any the partes beyonde the sea, or the Realme of Scotlande, shall, after the sayde day, discharge into any lighter, or botome, and laye on lande, or procure, cause, or wyllyngly suffer to be discharged into any lighter or botome, and to be layde on lande, out of suche shyp, crayer, bessel, or botome, any goodes, wares, or merchaundize whatsoeuer, before suche owner, maister, purser, or other person or persons, taking charge of the shyppe, crayer, botome, or bessel, or the merchauntes goodes, for that voyage, shal haue signified and declared to the customer, or other officer of the porte, hauen, or creeke, where he arriueth, the names of euery of the merchauntes, or laders, and shall haue truely aunswered to suche questions and interrogatories, touchyng or concernyng suche goodes, wares, or merchaundize, as shalbe then laden in anye suche

shyppe,

wharfe, bellet, or boate shalbe to him ministred by such customer or other officer, openly in the custome house, or in suche other places as is aforesayde, upon this or their acte, yf needs require, upon payne that every maister, packer, or other person or persons, taking charge of suche shippe, Craier, or other vessell, for that passage, shall forfayte and loose for every suche default, not onely sustayning no paine penaltye as is aforesayde, an hundred pounde.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that from and after the sayde day, no person, denizen, nor straunger, do make open sute to entre, or cause or cause to be entred into the booke of any customer, or other officer or officers of any porte or haven within this Realme, or ells or their deputie or deputies, lieutenaunt or lieutenauntes, any maner goodes, wares, or merchaundyse whatsoever, comming or brought into your highnesse Realme, from any the partes beyonde the sea, or from the Realme of Scotland, or going, or to be transported out of the same your highnesse Realme, into any the partes beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, in the name or names of any other person or persons, then the very true owner or owners of the same goodes, wares, or merchaundyses, being not solde, bargayned, or contracted for, to or with any person or persons, before suche entry, or before the arrivall of suche goodes, wares, or merchaundise, in the partes beyonde the sea, upon payne of forfayture of the value of the goodes so entred.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that yf any wharfinger, Cranekeeper, searcher, lyghter man, weighter, or other officer, partelying to the subsidie, custome, or custome house, now at any time after the sayde day, consent or knowe any offence or thing to be committed or done contrary to the true meanyng of this acte, or any article therein contayned, and doo not within one moneth next after knowledge thereof hadde, discover the same to the chiefe customer or other officer of the porte where or within whose office or charge any such offence shalbe committed or done, or els to the Lord Treasurer, Chauncelour, under Treasourer, or one of the Barons of the Exchequer: or the attourney generall for the tyme being, shall for every suche concealement, or not disclosyng suche offence, as is aforesayde, forfayte & lose a hundred pound of good and lawfull money of England.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that the customer of Hull shall have a lieutenaunt or deputie continually resident at the Citie of Yorke, and every other customer, comptroller, and searcher of every porte, shall from and after the daye aforesayde, assigne and appointe to and in every of the places above mentioned, and all and every porte, Creeke, or Roade, where the lieutenaunt or anye of them have ben continually resident by the space of tenne yeres,

or hereafter shalbe, as is aforesayde, one able and sufficient deputie, or seruaunt, at the least, and that of well all and euery of the customers, comptrollers, and seaschers, as all and euery his or theyr deputie and deputies, seruaunt and seruauntes, shall from tyme to tyme, do his and theyr diligent attendaunce, at the houres, tymes and places afore appoynted, as well in the custome house, or els where, as it shalbe most expedient and conuenient, for the speedie dispatche of the merchaunt, and his goodes, wares, and merchaundize, and for the due execution of this acte, in suche thynges as to him or them shall appertayne, without concealement or consentyng to any thyng or thynges whiche may be to the hurt or damage of your highnesse, your heyres, or successours, in the iust answerying of your highnesse due customes and subsidies, vppon payne that euery suche customer, comptroller, and seercher, shall forfayte and loose for euery offence by hym or them committed or done, his or theyr seuerall office or offices, and an hundred pounde of lawfull money of Englande: the moitie of all whiche forfayture shalbe to your highnesse, your heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to hem or them that wyll sue for the same, in any your highnesse courtes, wherein no essoigne, protection, wager of lawe, or iniunction, shalbe admitted and alowed.

And where of late yeeres there hath ben muche greater quantitie of sweete wines brought into this Realme, then in time past hath ben accustomed, whiche ben also brought from the same place where the wine commonly called Malueseye is brought, and is of the same nature of grape, and neuertheiesse, eyther by negligence, ignorance, or corruption of the officers, there hath not been suche custome and subsidie receyued for the same, to the vse of your highnesse, and your progenitours, as is due, and ought of very ryght to be payde, for suche sweete wines, comunyng through the strayghtes, commonlye called the strayghtes of Marroche, otherwyse Malleg aye, to the great losse and hinderaunce of your highnesse, and the burden of hys your louing subiectes.

For the auoyding of all ambiguities and doubtes, and to the intent the officers may more certeynely knowe what they ought to receyue for suche kynde and nature of merchaundize: be it enacted and declared by this present acte, and by the auctoritie aforesayde, that kynde custome and subsidie is of very ryght to be payde, and shall from henceforth be payde, for suche sweete wynes as is aforesayde, as is and hath begone accustomed to be payde for Malueseyes: anye negligence, none payment, vsage, or custome to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng. Sauing to all and euery Lorde Marcher, and other person and persons whatsoeuer, body politique and corporate, all and euery suche ryght, title, and interest, as they or any of them haue, and of

of right ought to haue, in the payment or hauing of any franchise, liberties, customes, and subsidie, or any of them: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to ship, lade, and transport into the partes beyonde the sea, all manner of corne and graine out of the Countries of Northfolke, and Suffolke, and either of them, at suche places as heretofore haue ben accustomed, and betweene the houres in this acte appointed, when the same corne and graine shall not exceede the seuerall prises mentioned in the statute made in the fyfth and sixth yeere of our late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Edwarde the sixt, entituled, An acte againste regratours, forestallers, and engrossers, the customes and subsidies therein due beyng well and truely payde, any thyng in this acte, or any other acte or statute to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, be not prejudiciall or hurtfull to the Isle of Anglesey, the shyres of Carnaruon, and Flint, in Northwales: but that the inhabitauntes thereof, and euery of them, may receyue, lade, and discharge, according to theyr old auncient vses, customes, or liberties, graunted to them, or any of their predecessors, by the late kyng of famous memorie kyng Henry the eight, or any other his progenitors: so that they, and euery of them, pay the customes and subsidies that shalbe due, and discharge and lode within the tymes and houres before mentioned: any thyng in this present acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

¶ *An acte againste the deceptfull vsyng of lynnen Cloth.*

The xii. Chapter.

WHere certayne euyll disposed and deceptfull persons, beyng to buye and ingrosse into theyr handes great store of lynnen Cloth, do vse to cast the peeces of cloth ouer a beame or peece of tymber, made for theyr purpose, and doo by sundrye deuises rache, stretche, and drawe the same both of lengh and breadth, and that done, do then with battelldoores, peeces of tymber and wood, and other thynges, sore beate the same, euer casting therupon certayne receiptfull liquors, mingled with chalke, and other like thynges, wherby the sayd cloth is not onely made to seeme muche finer & thicker to the eye then it is in deede, but also the threedes thereof be so loosed and made weake, that after iii. or iiii. washinges it will scarcely holde together: to the great deceipt, hinderaunce, and losse of the subiectes of this Realme: be it therefore enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that

that yf any person or persons shall hereafter knyttyngly vse, or cause to be vsed the sayde deceytes, or any other acte or actes, meane or meanes, to, in, or with any kinde of Lynnen cloth, whereby the same shalbe deceitfull or wourse, to, in the good vse thereof, that euery the sayde cloth shalbe forfayted, & moreouer therin to be punished by one monethes imprisonment at the least, and then pay suche fine as shalbe assessed, for his or their offence or offences, by the Justices before whom he or they shalbe condemned, according to the tenor of this acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and euery the Justices of Oyer and determiner, and Justices of Assise in al their Sessions, and al Justices of peace in euery Counte and place of this Realme, or .iii. of them at the least, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shal haue full power and auctoritie to enquyre, heare, & determine the offences aforesayde, in their sessions, by presentment, inditement, or vpon the trauerse of any presentment, or monishment, founde before the sayde Justices, or any of them.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shall at the next sessions of the peace (after the sayde sealer, to be kept within the Shire or place where the sealer was made, or before two Justices of peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum) make due information of the offence, and of the sealer of the sayde cloth, or els shal produce the offenders to be therof indited, at the sayde next sessions after the sayde sealer, and shall also be bounde before the sayde Justices by recognisaunce or obligation, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, in such fourme as the sayd Justices, or any of them, shall thynke meete for the greatnesse of the matter, and to pursue the same matter with effect, and to geue euidence, as of ryght apparteyneth, and also to pay and geue the moitie of all that he or they shall so recouer and receyue, to the Sheriffe, or other accomptaunt, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the one halfe of all the forfaytures and fines of and for the premisses, to be vnto the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours; and the other moitie to hym or them that shal make information, or produce indytements of and for the premisses, and shall followe the same with effect.

And be it enacted ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the Justices before whom any suche offence shalbe tryed, shal certifie the same by their estreate into the Exchequer at the least yerely at Michaelmas, as they be bounde to do other their estreates, vpon that certificate the Barons of the Exchequer to haue full power & auctoritie to make processe for so muche therof as by this estatute shal appertayne to the Queenes Maiestie, in like maner & fourme, as they onely do for any other fines and amerciamentes so certified before them.

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Lawes for the shipping in English Bottomes.

The xiii Chapter.

WHERE by diuers Statutes made in the time of the Queenes Maiesties most noble Progenitors, it hath been enacted & prouided, that no person borne within the Realme of England, or dependant of the same, or of the Dominions of the same, should ioyne any manner of Merchandize either out of the Realme, or into the same, but only in a ship or Bottome wherof the said prince, or some other of their subiects were owners, part owners, proprietaries, and masters, & the mariners of the same vessell, for the more part, to be also their subiects, vpon diuers payenes and penalties, as in the same Statutes more playnely appeareth. Since the making of which said Statutes, other forreigne princes hauing their seuerall actes, as anything that the same were made to the hurt & preiudice of their countrey & name haue made like penall lawes against such as should ioyne any of their countreys in any other vessells then of their seuerall countreys and dominions: by reason whereof there hath not onely growen great displeasure betwixt the forreigne princes and Kynges of this Realme, but also the Merchauntes haue ben sore greeued and endomaged.

For reformation whereof, and for increase of continuance of nauie, be it enacted, that the seuerall actes made in the tenth yeere of kyng Richarde the seconde, the thirde Chapter, and in the fourth yeere of the late kyng of famous memorie kyng Henry the seuenth, intituled, Of wine, & Tholouse ode, shalbe from henceforth clearely voyd, & of none effect. And nevertheless for auoyding of great displeasures practised and now a dayes vsed by sundry subiectes borne within this Realme of England and dominions of the same, whiche enter into the Customers bookes wares and merchandize of aliens beyng in their owne name, whereby the Queenes Maiestie is defrauded of sundry Customes and subsidies, to the great decaye of the auncient reuenues of the crowne: be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that al and euery person and persons, beyng owners or owner of any goodes, wares, or merchandizes, whiche after the fyrste day of Januarye nexte ensuyng the Session of this present Parliament, shall in time of peace, and when there is no restraynt made of Shippes, shippes, embarde, shippe, lade, or discharge by way of merchandize, any wares, merchandizes, Wares, Salte, Pitche, Tarre, and Corne onely excepted out of, or into any Shippe, Barne, Boye, Hoye, Hell, or Botome, whereof our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene her heyres, or successours, or some of her or their subiectes of this

Realme,

Realme, or the Dominions of the same, be not possessioners and proprietaries, and the maisters under God, and the mariners of the same ships or shippes, for the most parte, be not subiectes of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, her heyres and successours, shall and doe, yelde, and pay to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Quene, her heyres & successours, suche custome and subsidie, for suche wares and merchaundises, to be shipped, laden, or discharged as is aforesaid, suche and soe like, as Denizens and aliens borne, out of the obeysaunce of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Quenes Highnesse, doe, and ought to pay for wares and merchaundises of the nature and kynde.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that no Key or place whereof any Englishe Denizen or subiectes, is or shalbe owner or owners, at any time after the fyrste day of Januarie aforesayd, from any port, creeke, or place of this sayde Realme of England, or any of the dominions of the same, shall trauers or crosse the seas in to or for any of the partes beyonde the Seas, with any wares, goodes, or merchaundise, vpon payne that the sayde owner or owners shall forfaite and lose the same Key or place, with all and euery the munition, tackling, and other necessaries pertayning thereunto: whereof the one moytie to be, to the vse and behoofe of the Quenes sayde Highnesse, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie to the person or persons which will sue for the same, by bill, playnt, action, or informacion, in any her Highnesse courtes at Westminster: in which case no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne shalbe admitted.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to the merchaunts aduenturers called merchauntes aduenturers, & merchantes of the Staple, & euery of them, at theyr seuerall fleetes or shippinges of ouer, & vpon, and euery of them, from & out of the Riuer of Thames only being made, made in one yeere at the most, to embarke, ship, and lade any goodes, wares, or merchaundise in, or to any shippe, bellet, or Hoyemente, belonging or appertayning to any straunger or aliens borne, so long and at suche time as there be not ships, bellis, or Hoymentes belonging to the Quenes highnesse, her heyres or successours, or any of her subiectes, in the sayde Riuer of Thames, sufficient in number, and apte and meete for the sure and safe conueyaunce of the wares and merchaundise into the partes of Flaunders, Zeelande, Brabant, or any of them, without paying any greater or more custome and subsidie then Englishe men doo, and ought to pay: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding. This acte to continue and stande in force for the space of fiue yeeres onely, next immediately following this present session of Parliament, and from thence to the ende of the Parliament then next following.

Prouided, that for almuche as the merchauntes of the Citie of Bristow,

Bylloton, haue fullcyned of late great lolles at the sea by the reasones, by reason of takyng of all theyr best shyppes, with muche substaunce, so that they be not of abilitie to prouide sufficient shyppes and vesselles of theyr owne within the tyme limitted in this present acte: that they maye lycence suche of theyr shyppes, or any other vesselles of the Queenes dominions, within the Riuer of the Cittie of Bristowe, maye lode and embarke theyr owne wares and merchaundises in straungers Bottomes, without payeng any other custome, then for wares and merchaundises laden in Englyshe Bottomes: this acte or any thyng therein contayned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An Acte for the continuance of the makyng of Woollen Cloth, in diuers Townes in the Countie of Exeter.

The xiiii. Chapter.

WHereas by a certayne acte of Parliament begunne at Westminster, the twentie day of Januarij, in the fourth and fyfth yeeres of the reignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued vntil the seuenth day of March, in the sayde fourth & fyfth yeeres of the reignes of the sayde late kyng & Queene, amongst other thynges it was enacted, that from and after the first day of May then next folowyng, no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall vse or exercise the feate or mysterie of makyng, weauyng, or rowyng of woollen clothes long of wooll, or Karseys, pinned Kersies, or playne streightes, to the intent to put the same to sale, but onely in his owne Towne where cloth hath commonly been vsed to be made by the space of .x. yeeres then last past, or in a Cittie, Borough, or towne corporate, vpon payne of forfayture for euery suche woollen cloth or Karsey, made, wouen, or rowed, out of suche Cittie, Borough, Towne corporate, or owne Towne, xxvs. pounder.

And where also it is prouided in the sayde acte, that it shall be lawfull to any person, then vsyng or exercising the feate or mysterie of makyng, weauyng, or rowyng of Cloth or Karsey, to inhabite or dwell where he then vsed to dwell, and there to vse the makyng, weauyng, or rowyng of Cloth or Karsey, as he hath heretofore: any thyng in the sayde acte, notwithstandyng.

And where it is further prouided by the sayde acte, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery person or persons, whiche then vsed, or after this tyme shoulde inhabite or dwell in anye of the Shyres of Northwales, or Southwales, Chesshyre, or Lancashyre, Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, Bysshoprieke of Durham, Cornewal,

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wall, Southolme, Kent, the Towne of Goddelmine in the Countie of Surrey, or Yorkeshyre, beyng not within .iii. myles of the Citie of Yorke, or in any of the Townes or villages nere adioyning to the waters of Seuerande, in the Countie of Worcester, where clothe hath ben vsually made by the space of twentie yeares then last past, and beyng bin apprentice to the occupation of cloth making, or vsed the same by the space of seuen yeares, to set vp, vse, and exercise the feate or mystery of making, weauing, or rowing of wolle in cloth, out of a Citie, boroughe, or market towne, as before that time shall might haue done: anye thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And forasmuch as the Townes and villages of Bocking, Westbarfolde, Wedham, and Cockhall in the Countie of Essex, be fayre large Townes, and as wel planted for cloth making, as the sayde Towne of Goddelmine, or better, and were Townes in this Realme better planted for that purpose, & haue ben inhabited of along tyme with clothmakers, which haue made, and dayly do make good and true cloth, to the great common wealth of the Countrey there, and nothyng preiudicial to or for the common wealth of this Realme: Be it therfore ordayned, enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that it shalbe lawful to all and euery suche person and persons, which haue ben inhabitte or vsed, or hereafter shall vse in the sayde townes or villages of Bocking, Westbarfolde, Cockhal, and Wedham, or in any of them, the vsing or exercising of that hereafter shall vse or exercise the feate or mysterie of making, weauing, of rowing of cloth or barsey, by the space of seuen yeares at the least, or haue ben prentice thereto by the sayde space of seuen yeares, to inhabite and dwell in the sayde townes or villages of Bocking, Westbarfolde, Cockhall, and Wedham, and in euery or any of them, and to vse the making, weauing, or rowing of cloth or barsey, as before this tyme they might haue done, if the sayde act had neuer ben made, anything in the sayd acte to the contrary thereof made, or any other acte, Statute, or lawe heretofore made, or hereafter to be made to the contrary hereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

An acte that timber shal not be felled to make coales for the burnyng of iron.

The xv. Chapter.

FOR the auoydyng of destruction and wastyng of tymber, be it enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person or persons hereafter shall conuert or employ, or cause to be conuerted or employed

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to coale or other fuel, for the melting of Iron any Timber tree, or Timber trees, of One, Twelue, or Aboue, of any part thereof of the breadth of one foote square at the stub, and growing within fyue myles of the sea, or of any parte of the riuer of Thames, Seuerne, Wye, Humbre, Dee, Tine, Tweede, Trent, or any other riuer, creeke, or streame, by the which carriage is commonly vsed by Boate, or other vessell to any part of the Sea, vpon payne of fortfeyture for euery such Tree, or any part thereof, so implowed or conuerted to Coale, or other fuel for the making of Iron, the sume of Aboue xl.li. of lawfull money of England, the one halfe of all whiche forfeytures to be to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and to other heyres, and successours, and the other moytie to hym or them that will sue for the same, by Actyon of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoigne, protection, Garnishment, Wager of Law shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes that this acte shall not extende to the Counties of Sussex, nor to the Weild of Kent, nor to any parishes of Charlewood, Newdigate, and Lighe, in the Weyde of the Counties of Surrey: this acte to begin and take effect from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comming, after this session of Parliament.

An acte to continue the acte made against rebellious assemblies.

The xvii. Chapter.

WHERE in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xxiiii. day of October, in the first yeere of the reigne of the late Queene Marie, sister vnto the Queenes highnesse that now is, there was one acte and statute made against vnlawfull and rebellious assemblies, to endure and stande in force vnto the ende of the next Parliament then following, as by the same acte more playnely doth appeare: which said acte and statute in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xii. day of November, in the first and second yeeres of the reigne of the late King Philip and Queene Marie amongst other thynges was then and there continued vnto the last day of the next Parliament: and after, at the next Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the xvi. day of October, in the ii. and iii. yeeres of the said late King Philip and Queene Marie, the sayde acte and statute amongst other thynges was also further continued to stande in force, vntyll the last day of the next Parliament then following: and also at the next Parliament holden at Westminster the xv. day of Januarie in the iiii. and v. yeeres of the reignes of the sayde late King and Queene, the sayde acte and statute amongst other thynges was the same further continued to stand and remayne in force vntyll the last day of the next Parliament then following.

duryng, which is this present Parliament, and so the sayde acte and statute, by the actes of continuance aforesaid, doth stand in force but only vnto the laste day of this present Parliament.

And forasmuch as the sayd act and statute, durryng al the time aforesayd, hath been proued by experience to be a very good and benefitall lawe, and meete to be continued and kept in force, as well for the preseruation of the peace, as also for the common wealth, and quietnesse of this Realme: be it therefore enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte and statute, and euery braunch, clause, and article therein conteyned, shal stande, remayne, continue, and be in full force and strength, to all intentes and purposes, for and durryng the natural lyfe of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie that now is, which almightie God long preserue and continue, and to thend of the Parliament then next folowyng: and that the sayd acte and statute, and the wordes and sentences mentioned and conteyned in the sayd acte, shall extende vnto the Queenes highnesse that nowe is, as fully & amply as euer the same did extende to the sayd late Queene Marie.

An Acte for the preseruation of Spawne and frye of fishe.

The. xvii. Chapter.

FOr the preseruation hereafter of spawne, frye, & young breede of Eles, Salmons, Pikes, and of all other fishe, which heretofore hath ben much destroyed in riuers and streames, salt and freshe within this Realme, in so much that in diuers places they feede Swine & Dogges with the frye and spawne of fish, and otherwyse lamentable and horrible to be reported, destroy the same, to the great hynderaunce and decay of the common wealth: Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that no person or persons of what estate, degree, or condition so euer he or they be, from and after the fyrst day of June next comming, with any maner of Net, Weele, Butte, Tamying, Kepper, Lyne, Crele, Rawe, Fagnet, Trolnet, Trymenet, Trymbote, Scalbote, Webbiller, Seur, Lannet, or with any deuise or engine made of Heare, Wool, Lyne, or Canuas, or shal vse any Heling net, or Trymle boate, or by any other deuise, Engine, Cawtel, wayes or meanes what so euer, heretofore made or deuised, or hereafter to be made or deuised, shal take & kyll any young broode, spawne or frye of Eles, Samon, Pike, or Pickerel, or of any other fish, in any sludgate, pype, at the taile of any Myll, weare, or in any streetes, streames, brookes, riuers, salt or freshe, within this Realme of England, Wales, Barwiche, or the marches therof, nor shall from and after the fyrst day of June next comming, by any

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of the ways and meanes aforesayd, or otherwise, in any River or place aboue specified, take and kill any Salmons or Trowtes, not being in season, beyng lesser Salmons, or lesser Trowtes, then the Statutes, Salmons, or then the Statutes Trowtes.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition he or they shalbe of, from and after the sayde fyrst day of June, by any of the meanes aforesayd, in any of the Rivers or places aboue named, shall take and kill any Pike or Pickerell, not beyng in length, x. inches fyshe or more, nor any Salmon not beyng in length, xvi. inches fyshe or more, nor any Trowte, not being in length, viii. inches or more, nor any Barbel, not beyng in length, xii. inches or more.

And to the intent the said young fryt, broode, or the same, may be preserued according to the true meanyng hereof, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no maner of person or persons, from and after the fyrst day of June next comming, shall take, or cause fyshe with any maner of Net, Trameil, Hey, or other Gynne, Creic, or by any other ingyn, deuise, wayes or meanes whatsoeuer, in any River, or other places aboue mentioned, but only with Net or Trameil, whereof euery mesh or masshe shalbe two inches and a halfe broode, angling excepted.

Prouided neuertheless, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that in all such places where Smeltes, Loches, Minneys, Bullheades, Gudgions, or Eles, hath ben vsed to be taken or killed, that in all suche places it shalbe lawfull only for the takyng of Smeltes, Loches, Minneys, Gudgions and Eles, to vse such Nets, Creis, and other ingynes, deuises, wayes, and meanes, as heretofore hath ben vsed for the takyng of the same: so that suche person or persons vsyng or occupying suche nets or other ingynes, as is last afore mentioned, do not take, kill, or destroy any other fyshe, with the sayd nettes or ingynes, contrary to the tenor and fourme afore in this statute contayned.

And be it further enacted, that if any person or persone, after the aforesayd day limited in this present acte, offende in any of the poynctes before rehearsed, contrary to the tenor, fourme, and purport of any part of the same: that then euery suche person and persons so offendyng, shall lose and forfayte for euery tyme of his or their offence, the summe of xx. s. and the fyshe so taken contrary to the tenor hereof, and also the vnlawfull nets, ingynes, deuises, and instruments whatsoeuer they be, wherewith or whereby suche offence shall fortune to be made, committed or done.

And to the intent that a perfect execution may be had of this present acte, be it further ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayd, that the Lord Admirall of Englande, and the Maior of the Citie of London, for the tyme beyng, and all and euery other person and persons, bodyes politique and corporate, which by graunte or other lawfull wayes or

meanes, lawfully haue, or ought to haue any conseruation or preseruation of any riuers, streames, or water, or punishmentes and corrections of offences committed in anye of them, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquyre of all the offences to be committed and done contrary to the effecte and true meaning of this acte, within his or their suche lawfull rule, gouernement, iurisdiction, and conseruacie, by the othes of xii. men or more, and to heare and determine al and euery the same offence, committed within his or their suche iurisdiction, conseruacie, rule, and gouernement. And that all suche paynes and forfaytures, as shall fyle or growe by the reason of anye suche conuiction for anye the offences aforesayde, shalbe to the vse of euery of the sayde person and persons, beyng no body politique or corporate, nor head of any body politique or corporate, before whom suche conuiction, as is aforesayde shall be hadde, and to the vse of euery suche body politique and corporate, as heretofore haue lawfully had anye fines, forfaytures, and amerciamentes, for any offence vnlawfully committed or done, in any suche their iurisdiction or conseruacies, vppon conuiction had before the head of any suche body politique or corporate. And that also the Lorde of euery Leete within this Realme of Englande, and Wales, or the dominions of the same, shall haue full power and auctheritie to enquire of all the offences contrary to the purport, tenor, and fourme of this estatute within the precinct of their sayd Leete: suche enquirie to be had, in maner and fourme, and after such sort as common amerciamentes, or other paynes, inquirable in their Court Leete, haue been lawfully vsed and accustomed to be had and made. And that vppon euery such presentment had in any Court or Leete, by the oth of twelue men or more, as is aforesayd, of any offence or offences, made contrary to the tenor of this estatute: that then all suche forfayture aboue in this estatute limitted and appointed for such offence, shalbe vnto the Lord of the sayde Leete for the tyme beyng, to his owne vse for euer, and shalbe leuyed in suche maner and fourme, as amerciament for affrayes committed within the precincte of suche Leete haue been vsed and accustomed to be leuyed. And if any Leete, after the sayd first day of Iune, be holden within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, or the dominions thereof, and the Steward of the sayde Leete, for the tyme beyng, or other for hym, do not charge the Iurie sworne in such Leete, to enquire of all the offences done within the precint of the sayd Leete, contrary to the tenor and fourme of this estatute: that then the Steward of the sayd Leete, to lose and forfayte, xl.s. the one moytie of whiche forfaytures shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moytie to him that will sue for the same. And if any Iurie sworne in any Leete, and being charged to enquire of the offences committed within the precinct of that Leete, doo wylfully

fully and wyllyngly conceale and make default in presentment, or doo not presente the offence and offendours: that then it shalbe lawful to the Steward, or Bayly of the Leete, or his or theyr deputie for the time being, to empanell one other Jurie within the sayde Leete, and to enquire of suche concealement, default, and non-presentment, and that upon suche concealement, default, or non-presentment founde and presented, every of the said Jurours, which so wyll conceale, make default, or not presente, shall loose and forfeyte for every such offence xx. s. to the Lorde of the sayd Leete, the same to be leuied to maner and fourme as is aboue sayd for the other offences limitted and expressed.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if the offences aboue mentioned, touchyng the takyng, spoylyng, or destroying of fysshe, or frye, and Spawne, be not presented at the Leete where they shalbe committed, within due peere next after the offence committed, that the Justices of peace in theyr sessions, Justices of Oyer and determiner, and Justices of assise in theyr seuerall circuites, shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquyre thereof, and to heare and determine all the offences committed contrary to the tenor of this statute.

Saueyng alwayes to all and every person and persons, bodyes politique and corporate, and every of them, all such ryght, title, interest, clayme, priuiledge, and conseruation, and enquirie, and punishment, of, and for any the offences aforesayd, as they or any of them lawfully haue and enioy, or of ryght ought to haue and enioy, by any maner of meanes: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng. This acte to endure to the ende of the next parliament.

Prouided alwayes that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende vnto the fyshyng of the ryuer or water of Tweede, nor to any ryuer or water whereof the Queenes Maiestie is aunncyent red of any peerely rent or profyte, nor to the owners, fermours, and occupiers of the riuers of Wye, in the Countie of Monmouth, for any fysshe hereafter to be taken in any the riuers or waters before mentioned and expressed, but that it may be lawfull at all seasonable tyme and tymes hereafter, for suche as haue or shall haue any maner of interest therein, to take and fysshe the sayde riuers and waters, in such maner and fourme, as heretofore hath been vsed and accustomed, not vsyng any net or engyne, to the intent wyllyngly to take, kyll, and destroy the spawne, breede, or frye, breedyng any kynde of fysshe, within the sayde seuerall riuers or waters: this acte or anye thyng therein mentioned or conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An acte for the continuaunce of certayne Statutes.

The. xviii. Chapter.

WHere in the Parliament begun and holden at London the .iii. day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yeere of the reigne of our moſt dread Soueraigne Lorde of moſt famous memorie king Henry the eight, & from thence adiourned to Weſtminſter, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations vnto the diſſolution thereof, one acte was made for the true wynnyng of woolles, and one other acte was there made to reſtrayne kylling of weathers, Ewes, Lambes, Stires, and Heyfers, beyng vnder the age of two yeeres: whiche ſayd ſeuerall actes was then made to endure and continue vnto the next Parliament, as by the ſayde ſeuerall actes more playnely appeareth. And where alſo in the ſame Parliament one other acte was made & eſtabliſhed for actaynes to be ſued for the puniſhment of periurie vpon vntrue verdites: whiche acte ſall before rehearſed was then made and ordeyned to continue and endure to the laſt day of the next Parliament, as by the ſame acte more playnely appeareth. And where alſo in the Parliament begun & holden at Weſtminſter the .viii. day of June, in the .xxviii. yeere of the reigne of our ſayd moſt dread Soueraigne Lord king Henry the eight, & there continued and kept vntyll the diſſolution thereof, it was ordeyned, and enacted, that all and ſingulers the ſayd actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, ſhoulde continue and endure in theyr force and ſtrength, and alſo be obſerued and kept vntyll the laſt day of the next Parliament, as by the ſame acte, amongſt other thynges therein conteyned, more playnely appeareth. And where alſo in the Parliament begun & holden at Weſtminſter the .xxviii. day of Apryll, in the .xxxi. yeere of the reigne of our ſaid late moſt dread ſouereigne lorde king Henry the eight, and there continued vntyl the .xxviii. day of June then next folowing, it was ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of the ſame Parliament, that al and ſinguler the ſaid ſeuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all articles, clauſes, and prouiſions in them and euery of them conteyned, ſhoulde continue and endure in their force & ſtrength, and alſo be obſerued and kept vntyll the laſt day of the next Parliament, as by the ſame acte amongſt other thynges therein conteined, more plainely apeareth. And where in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter, in the .xxxb. yeere of the reigne of our ſayd late Soueraigne Lord King Henry the eyght, one acte was made for the preſeruation of Wooddes, to endure for .vii. yeeres then next folow yng, and from thence to thende of the next Parliament, as by the ſame act more playnely it doth and may appeare. And where alſo at the Parliament holden

holden at Westminster in the .xxvii. yeere of the reigne of the sayd late King Henry the eight, and there continued and kept vntyl the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that all and singuler the sayde actes aboue remembred, and euery of them (except the sayde acte made for the preseruation of woodes, as is aforesayd) shoulde continue and endure in theyr force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntyll the last day of the next Parliament then next followyng, as by the same act amongst other thynges therein conteyned more playnely appeareth. And where also at the session of the Parliament ended at Westminster the .xviii. day of March, in the thirde yeere of the reigne of our late Souereigne Lord King Edwarde the first, one acte was made for the true carryng of Leather, whiche acte was made to endure to the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also at the session of a Parliament ended at Westminster the fyfth day of Februarie in the .xiii. yeere of the reigne of our sayd late Souereigne Lord King Edwarde the first, one acte was then and there made, concerning the buyeng of rother beastes, and also one other acte was then and there made, touchyng the buyeng and sellyng of Butter and Cheese: which sayde seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and continue vnto the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it doeth and may appeare. And where also at the session of a Parliament by prorogation holden at Westminster the .xviii. day of Januarie, in the fifth yeere of the reigne of our said late Souereigne Lord King Edward the first, one other acte was then and there made against regratours and forestallers, to endure to the ende of the next Parliament: all and singuler whiche sayd actes aboue mentioned, togeather with the sayde acte for the preseruation of woodes, at a Parliament holden at Westminster the fyfth day of Marche, in the .viii. yeere of the reigne of our sayde late Souereigne Lord King Edward the first, and there continued and dissolued the last day of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued & continued to stand in theyr force and strength, vntyl the last day of the next Parliament. And where also at the session of a Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the .xviii. day of October, in the fyfth yeere of the reigne of the late Queene Marie, sister to the Queenes highnesse that nowe is, and there continued and kept vntyl the dissolution thereof, all and singuler the actes aboue mentioned & before that tyme continued at sundry Parliamentes, as is aforesayde, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions, in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued to stande in theyr force and strength, vnto the last day of the next Parliament.

And where also at a Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the .xii. day of Nouember, in the fyfte and seconde yeeres of the

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reignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution of the same, beyng the .xvi. day of Januarie then next ensuyng, all and singuler the actes aboue remembred, that were before that tyme continued at sundry Parliamentes, as is aforesayde, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were by the authoritie of the sayd Parliament there reuiued and continued to stand in their force and strength vnto the last day of the next Parliament. And where also at a Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the .xvi. day of October, in the seconde and thyrde yeeres of the reignes of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued vntyll the dissolution of the same, beyng the .xi. day of December then next ensuyng, one acte was then and there made for the beeryng of White Wine, and for the beerebeyng and rearyng of Calues, and one other acte for the reedifying of decayed houses of Husbandry, and for the encrease of Tyllage, the sayd two seuerall actes to endure tyll the last day of the next Parliament, as by the same more at large doth appeare.

And forasmuche as all and singuler the sayd seuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall to the Common wealth of this Realme: be it therefore enacted, obeyned, & established by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes and statutes aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions, in them and euery of them conteyned, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and endure in their full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in all thynges, vntyll the last day of the next Parliament. And where in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the .xvi. day of October, in the second and thyrd yeeres of the reignes of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued and kept vntyll the .xi. day of September then next ending, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the relefe of the poore, and to endure to the latter ende of the fyrst session of the next Parliament. Forasmuche as the sayde acte is good and beneficiall to the Common wealth of this Realme: be it therefore enacted, obeyned, and established, by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde acte last aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in the same conteyned, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and endure, in full force and strength, to all intentes and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in all thynges, vntyll the last day of the next Parliament.

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¶ An acte of a Subsidie of Tonnage and Poundage.

The. xix. Chapter.

Wheye moste humble wyle the wen bned youl moſt excellent Maieſtie, youre pooze and obedi ent Subiectes & Commons in this youre preſent Parliament aſſembled, that where alwen youre noble Graundfather, of worthy memorie, King Henry the ſeuenth, the moſt victorious & mygh tie Prince, King henry the eyght youre moſt deare Father, the late Prince of worthy memorie, King Edwarde the firſt, youre moſt entierly beloued Brother, and our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, youre moſt deare Syſter, as alſoe youre eyght noble and famous progenitours, Kinges of this youre Realme of Englande, tyme out of mynde, haue had and enioyed diuers them by auctheritie of Parliament, for the defence of the ſame youre Realme, and the keeping and ſauegarde of the Seas, for the ex tercourſe of Merchaundiſe, lately to come into, and to paſſe out of the ſame, certayne ſummes of money, named Subſidies, of all maner of goodes and Merchaundiſe, comming in or goyng out of the ſame youre Realme: And foraſmuche as we youre ſayde pooze Commons, vndoubtedly and moſt aſſuredly doo truſt and haue true confidence in youre Maieſties good fauoure and wyll towardes vs youre ſayde pooze Commons, in, and for the keeping and true defendyng of the Seas, againſt all perſons, intendyng, or that ſhall intende the diſturbaunce of vs youre ſayde Commons in the entercourſe and the inuadyng of this youre Realme, to our moleſtation, inquietyng, and loſſe, whiche at any tyme can not be borne without the great excelle, and intoller able coſtes, charges, and expences of youre Maieſtie, whiche is not (when neede ſhall requyre in ſuche caſes) to be lacked at anye tyme. But rather we youre ſayde Commons, wyſhyng that ſuche furniture of all thynges may be had in redineſſe from tyme to tyme, when ne ceſſitie ſhall requyre, for the ſpeedie inuelayed prouiſion and helpe in the ſuppreſſing of ſuche inconueniences, diſturbaunces and inuaſions, humbly beſeche your moſt excellent Maieſtie, benignely and fauorab ly to take, accept, and receyue theſe our pooze graunted hereafter enſuing, as graunted of true hartes, and good wylles, whiche we beare vnto your hyghneſſe, towardes your ſayde great coſtes, charges, and expences, whiche may be expended and layde out by your Ma ieſtie for the cauſes afore ſayde when neede ſhall requyre, as the fruites of our good wylles and hartes towardes your hyghneſſe, al though the ſame doo or hereafter ſhall nothyng in effect counteruayle the ſame your great charges, for yet we your ſayde pooze Commons able fully to gratifie your hyghneſſe by any meanes; yet neuertheleſſe

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we your sayd poore Commons, by the aduise and consent of the Lords Spirittual and Temporal in this your present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to the intent aforesayde, geue and graunt to you our supreme liege Lady and Soueregne, one Subsidie called Tonnage, that is to say, of euery tunne of wine comming, or that shall or is come into this your Realme, by way of Merchaundise, the summe of .iii.s. and so after the rate. And of euery tunne of sweete wine, as well Malueseye as other, that shall or is come into the same your Realme, by euery or any Merchaunt alien, as well by the Merchauntes of Hanse, & Almaine, as by any other Merchaunt straunger, of what nation soeuer he be, .iii.s. and so after the rate ouer and aboue the .iii.s afore graunted. And of euery Tunne of Rennishe wine, comming, or that shall or is come into this your Realme, by way of Merchaundise, by euery or any Merchaunt denizen, or alien, of what nation so euer he be, xii.d. And also one other Subsidie called Poundage, that is to say, of all maner of goodes and Merchaundises, of euery Merchaunt denizen and alien, what soeuer he be, caried and to be caried out of this your sayde Realme, or brought or to be brought into the same, by way of Merchaundise, of the value of euery xx.s. of the same goodes and Merchaundise, xii.d. and so after the rate. And of euery xx.s. value of Tynne and Pewter vessell, caried out of this your Realme, by any and euery Merchaunt alien, xii.d. ouer and aboue the .xii. d. aforesayd. Except and alwayes foreseyed out of this graunt of Subsidie of Poundage, all maner of woollen cloth, made or wrought, or that shalbe made and wrought within this your Realme of England, and by euery or any Merchaunt denizen, and not borne alien, caryed or to be caryed out of this your sayde Realme: and all maner of woolles, woolfelles, and Hydes, and backes of Leather, also caryed or to be caryed out of this your Realme: and all wines, and all maner of frenche vitayle, and victuall, comming, or that is or shall come into the same your Realme. And further, we your sayd poore commons, by the aduise, assent, and auctoritie aforesayd, geue and graunt vnto you our sayde liege Lady and Soueregne, for the causes aforesayde, one other Subsidie of all maner of woll, woolfells, and Leather, caryed or to be caryed out of this your Realme, in maner and fourme folowyng: that is to say, of euery Merchaunt denizen, of and for euery sacke of woll .xxxiii.s.iiii.d. and for euery .ccxl. woolfells .xxxiii .s .iiii.d. and of and for euery last of Hydes & backes, of euery such Merchaunt denizen .iii. li. vi.s. viii.d. And of euery Merchaunt straunger, not borne your liege man, all men those that be made denizens, as hereafter shall be made by letters Patentes, or otherwyse, as all other Merchaunt straungers, of and for euery sacke of woll .iii. li. vi.s. viii.d. and of and for euery .ccxl. woolfells .iii. li. vi.s. viii.d. and also for euery last of Hydes and backes .iii. li. xiii.s. iiii.d. And so of all the sayd woolles, woolfelles,

Hydes,

Hydes, and Backes, and euery of them, after the rate that ſuche ſhalbe
cuſtomed, to haue, take, enioy, and peceyue the Subſidies aforeſayd, and
euery of them, and euery part & parcel of them, to your highneſſe, from
the .xvi. day of Nouember laſt paſt, during
And further, we your ſayde poore Commons, moſt humbly deſire
your Maieſtie, that it may be enacted by your highe Hande, by the aduiſe
and aſſent of the Lordes aforeſaid, and by your ſaid Commons, and by
the authoritie of this preſent Parliament aſſembled, that
the gyftes and graunte aforeſaid ſhalbe good & effectuall, according to
the true meaning of the ſame; And that it may be further enacted by
the authoritie aforeſayd, that yf any Wynes, Goodes, Merchaundiſe,
Wolde, Woolles, Hydes, and Backes of Leather aforeſayd, or other thinges
afore ſpecified, wherefor the Subſidies aforeſayd, or any of them, is or
ſhalbe hereafter due, ſhall at any tyme hereafter, during the time afore
ſaid, be ſhipped, or put into any Boate, Crayer, Ship, or veſſel, to the in-
tent to be caried into the parties of beyonde the Seas, or els be brought
from the parties of beyonde the Seas, into any Porte, Hauen, Creeke, or
other place of this your Realme by way of Merchandiſe, & there layde
on lande (the Subſidies aforeſayd of the premiſſes due, or to be due, by
the reaſon of this graunte not payd) or the collector of the ſame ſhall
die, or his deputie, with, & by the conſent, knowledge, and agreement of
the Comptroller and Surueyer, or one of them at the leaſt, not agreed
with for the ſame in the cuſtome houſe, according to the true meaning
and intent of theſe aforeſayde graunte and euery of them: that then
from the ſayd .xvi. day of Nouember laſt paſt, and not before, all the ſayd
Wines, Goodes, Merchandiſe, Woolles, Woolfells, Hydes, and Backes,
and other the premiſſes aforeſayd, and euery part and parcel thereof, ſo
ſhipped, or els put into any Boates, Crayer, or other veſſell aforeſayd,
to the intent aforeſayd, or brought into this Realme, and there layd on
lande, as is alſo aforeſayd, ſhalbe & remaine forfayte to your highneſſe,
during the tyme aforeſayd, the one moytie of the value thereof to your
highneſſe, and the other moytie to hym or them that ſhall ſeaſe the
ſame, or ſue for the ſame. And that it may pleaſe your highneſſe, that all
Merchauntes, aſwel denizens, as ſtraungers, comming into this your
Realme, be wel and honeſtly entreated and demeaned, for ſuch thinges
as Subſidie by this acte is graunted for, as they were in the tyme of
your ſayd noble Progenitours, without oppreſſion to them to be done,
paying the Subſidies aforeſayd.

And further, that it be enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde,
that yf any Goodes, Merchaundiſe, Woolles, Woolfelles, or Leather,
aforeſayde, or any parte thereof, of any Merchaunt denizen, naturally
borne your leige man, whiche hath or ſhall paſſe out of this your
ſayde Realme, after the ſayde .xvi. day of Nouember laſt paſt, du-

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tyng the clearme of this gyfte and graunt, hath, or shall happen to be taken with enemies or Pyrates vppon the Sea, or perished by infortune in any Shyp or Shyppes that shall happen to be taken, or perished within the time of the sayde graunt, whereof the Subsidies aforesayd, or any of them, to your hyghnesse due, or to be due, is or shalbe in your time aforesaide duely payde or agreed for, without fraude or collusion, and suche losse or losses as ben before rehearsed, to be found & proued before the Treasourer of England, or the chefe Baron of your Exchequer for the time being, by the examinacion of the sayde Merchauntes if they be alyue, or of their executours or administratours if they be dead, or two true credible persons sworne, or other reasonable witnesse and proues sworne, witnessing the same Merchandises so to be lost or perished: that then the same Merchauntes denizens that were or shalbe owners of the foresayde goodes, Merchandises, wool, woolfels, Hydes, or other Merchandises aforesayd, as shalbe so perished or lost, yf they be on lyue, or their executours and administratours, yf they be dead, and euery of them, by force and vertue of this act, when them lyketh, during the sayd terme, shal or may newly ship as much wool, woolfels, Hydes, or other goodes and Merchandises in the same Port or portes, in the whiche the same wool, woolfels, Hydes, or other goodes and Merchandises aforesayde so lost and perished, were or shalbe shypped, without any of the Subsidies aforesayd now graunted to be had or payde therefore to your hyghnesse in any wyse: and that al such profites of the premisses so to be lost or perished, be certified into your Chauncerie by your said Treasourer or chiefe Baron, there to remaine of record. And after such certificate made, the Chauncelor of England, the Lord Keeper of your great Seale for the tyme beyng, shall make and deliuer vnto the sayde Merchauntes, their executours, or administratours, or any of them, or to their atturney or atturneys in that behalfe, or any of them, as many and such writtes and warrantes, to be directed as wel to the Collectours of the Subsidies aforesayd, or any or euery of them, for the time beyng, as to the Treasourer and Barons of your Exchequer for the time being, shalbe thought requisite and nedefull for the sayd Merchauntes, their executours, or administratours, or their atturney or atturnes, or any of them, or the saide Collectours, or any of them, to haue for the obteynyng as well of the shypping, as of the allowaunce thereof.

And further that euery Merchaunt denizen that shall shyppe hereafter any wool, woolfels, Hydes, or any other goodes and Merchandise, in any Carricke, or Galley, shall pay to your Hieretie, during the tyme aforesayde, all manner of Customes, and al the Subsidies aforesayd, as any Alien borne out of this Realme.

God saue the Queene.

Reginæ Elizabethæ.

An act of a Subsidie and two Fifteenes and Tenth, by the Temporaltie.

BE cause whiche we doo perceyue your Maiestie hath, moste noble and redoubted Soueraigne, to restore this Realme, and the Imperiall Crowne thereof, nowe lately to sore shaken, so impouerished, so enfeebled and weakened, into the former estate, strength, and glorye, doth make vs, not onely to reioyce muche in the great bountefulnesse of almightie GOD, who hath so marueilously, and beyonde all worldlie expectation pleased your Maiestie in these late difficulte and daungerous times: but also to studie and bende all our wits and force of vnderstandyng, howe we may lyke louing and obedient subiectes, followe our head, in this so noble and so necessary an enterpryse. And consyderyng with our selues, that the decay hath ben, besydes many other thynges, especiallye in these three: fyrste, wastyng of treasure, abandonyng of strength, and in diminishyng of the auncient auctoritie of your Imperial Crowne.

We doo most earnestly and faythfully promise to your Highnesse, that there shall lacke no good wyll, trauayle, nor loyall endeuour, to the redresse of al this: but we shalbe redy, with hart, wyll, strength, body, lyues, and goodes, not onely to recouer againe that whiche is thus diminished, but if neede be, to reconer further, as farre as right, and the wyll and pleasure of God shall suffer, the olde bigirdle and rens wne of this Realme. The tyme and place wherein we not rest in vs, but, as most reason is, in your most noble Maiestie, with the aduise of your honourable Counsell. Neuertheles, since it doeth so manifestly appeare to vs all, what inestimable wastyng and consumption of the treasure and auncient reuenues of this Realme hath ben of late dayes, and what great newe charges, and intollerable expenses your Highnesse is forced nowe to sustayne, by reason of the decay and losse of parcel of your auncient Crowne: Doubting not leste that no worthie enterpryse, no noble attempt, nor soo muche as the preseruation of a strong and puissaunt state, maye be without some made of treasure presently to be had, and redy against all occurrentes,

Therefore we your moſt obedient and louing ſubiectes, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, to ſhewe our wyllyng hartes, and good myndes, vpon mature conſultation had, haue condeſcended and agreed with one voyce and moſt entire affections, to make your hyghneſſe at this tyme a preſent, not ſuch in deede as in our affections we do wyſhe it, and as we knowe moſt certaynely ought to be: but yet of your accuſtomed clemencie whiche you do ſhewe to all men, we humbly on our knees pray your hyghneſſe not to reiect it, but to accept our good wylles and hartie deſires herein, and that this our ſmal gyft may be by your highneſſe, the lordes ſpirituall and temporal, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by thauctoritie of the ſame enacted.

And be it enacted, that your hyghneſſe, towardes the ſayde great coſtes and ineſtimable charges, ſhal haue by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, two whole fifteenes and tenthes, to be payde, taken, and leuied of the moueable goodes, cattelles, and other thynges vſual to ſuche fiftenes and tenthes, to be contributorie and chargeable within the ſhires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, and other places of this your Maieſties realme, in maner and fourme aforetyme vſed. Except the ſumme of twelue thouſande poundes thereof fully to be deducted, that is to ſay. vi. M. poundes of eyther of the ſayde whole fiftenes and tenthes, of the ſumme that one whole fiftene & tenth attayneth vnto, in releefe, comfort, and diſcharge of the poore townes, cities, and boroughes of this your ſayde realme, waſted, deſolate, and deſtroyed, or ouer great impouerſhed, after ſuche rate as was and hath afore this time ben had and made to euery ſhyre, and to be diuided in ſuch maner and fourme as heretofore for one whole fiftene and tenth hath been had and diuided. And the ſayde two whole fiftenes and tenthes (the exceptions and deductions aforeſayde thereuppon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in manner and fourme folowyng: that is to ſaye, the fyrſt whole fiftene and tenth, except before excepted, to be payde to your hyghneſſe in the receipt of your hyghneſſe Exchequer, before the tenth day of Nouember next commyng. And the ſayde ſeconde fiftene and tenth, except before excepted, to be payde to your hyghneſſe in the receipt of your Exchequer before the tenth day of Nouember, in the yeere of our Lord God M.D.xl.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that the knightes elected and returned, of, & for the ſhires within this realme for this preſent parliament, citizens of cities, & burgeſſes of boroughes and townes, where collectours haue ben vſed to be named & appoynted for the collection of any fiftene and tenth, before this tyme graunted, ſhal name and appoynt yeerely before the laſt day of Auguſt, in eyther of the ſayd two yeeres, ſufficient & able perſons for the collection of

of the sayde fiftenes & tenthes, in euery of the sayd shires, cities, boroughes and townes, the sayd persons then hauing landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne right of an estate of inheritaunce of the yeerely value of ten poundes, or in goodes worth a hundred pounde at the least. And also suche person or persons, to by them to be named and appoynted for the collection of either of the said fiftenes and tenthes, shalbe by them seuerally appoynted and allotted into hundreades, rapes, wapentakes, cities, boroughes, and townes. And also the sayd persons so named and appoynted for the collection of the same fiftenes & tenthes, shalbe chaiged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accomptes in the Exchequer to be made, with al such summe or summes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they shal so happen to be appoynted, amount vnto, & of no more summe or summes. And vpon the payment of such sums of money as he or they shall be charged with, shalbe discharged, and haue his or their Quietus est, the non accompting or non payment of any other his felowes, or the insufficiencie of the or any of them, notwithstanding. And the names & surnames of euery of the sayd collectoures, for the said fiftenes and tenthes, during either of the said two yeres, togeather with the place allotted to their collection and charge, the sayd knightes, citizens, and burgeses, for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, whereunto they be elected, named, and returned, shal certifie before the Queene in her Chauncerie before the .xiii. day of October, in euery of the same two yeeres, according to the tenour of this acte. And if the default of any suche certifiyng be had or made in fourme as is aforesaid, then the lord Chauncelour of Englande, or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, shall immediatly after name & appoynt collectours, for the collection of either of the sayd fiftenes and tenthes, in maner & fourme as the sayd knightes of the shyres, citizens of cities, and Burgeses of boroughes shoulde haue done, and as afore tyme haue ben vsed. The which sayd collectours, and euery of them, shall haue lyke allowaunce vpon their accomptes for their fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of the sayde fiftenes and tenthes, in as large maner and fourme as anye Collectour or Collectours of fiftenes and tenthes, haue hadde at anye season in tyme past. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the tyme beyng, shall and maye from tyme to tyme awarde suche proces for the speedie payment thereof, againste the Collectour and Collectours for the same, as by their discretions shall be thought conuenient.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Lorde Chauncellour or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, Knyghtes of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, Townes, and other pla-

ces hauing auctho̅itie by this p̄sent act, to name and nominate the said Collectours, or so̅ the said fiftenes and tenthes, shal vpon their nomynation and election had & made, take by auctho̅itie of this p̄sent Parliament, sufficient recognisaunces, or obligations, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bound to the queenes maiestie in the double summe, of the summes of their collection, and to be indorsed vpon such condition, that yf the said collectour or collectours, do truely content & pay to the vse of the Queenes highnesse in her receipt of the Exchequer, before the .x. day of Nouember, in euery of the said two yeres, so much of the summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as the same collectour shal haue collected & geathered, and do lyke wyse after the sayde .x. day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeres, content and pay to the Queenes maiesties vse at the same receipt, the residue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he shall haue geathered & collected the same residue: that then the sayd recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in his ful strength & vertue, which recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayde knightes of the shyre, Citizens and Burgesses, and euery of them, takyng any suche recognisances or obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the lorde Treasourer, & Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same .x. day of Nouember, in euery of the said yeres, vpon payne of forfeyture of .x. pound to the queenes hyghnesse for euery recognisance or obligation so to be taken and not certified. And that euery suche collectour vpon requeste to hym made, shall make & knowledge the same recognisance or obligation accordingly, vpon like paine and forfeyture of .x. pound to the Queene for his refusal thereof: and the Treasourer or Barons of the Exchequer, vpon the payment of the same collection, or at the sayde dayes, shal cancell and deliuer the sayde recognisance or obligation to the sayde collectour or collectours, without anye fee or reward to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore for the great and waighty considerations afore sayde, we the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this p̄sent Parliament assembled, doo by our lyke assent and auctho̅itie of this Parliament, geue and graunt to your hyghnesse, our sayde Souereigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, your heyres and successours, one entire Subsidie, to be rated, tared, leuied, and payde at two seuerall paymentes, of euery person spirituall and temporall, of what estate or degree he or they be, according to the tenour of this act, in maner and fourme following: that is to say, as wel of euery person borne within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of al and euery Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporation, Mysterie, Brother head, and Communaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this realme of England, Wales, or other ȳ Queenes dominions, being worth fiue poundes, for euery pounde, as wel in coyne

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and the value of euery pound, that euery such person, fraternitie, guild, corporation, mysterie, brotherhead, communaltie, corporate, or not corporate, hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their vse, as also plate, stocke of merchaundizes, all maner of corne and blades, household stuffe, & of al other goodes moueable, as wel within the Realme as without, and of al such summes of money as to him or them is or shalbe owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or their conscience truely to be payde, except and out of the premisses deducted such summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their consciences intendeth truely to pay, and except also the apparel of such persons, their wiues and children belongyng to their owne bodyes, (sauing iewels, golde, syluer, stone, and pearle) shall pay to and for the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie, xx.d. of euery pounde, and to and for the second payment of the sayd subsidie, xii.d. of euery pounde. And also euery alien & stranger borne out of the Queenes obeysaunce, as wel denizen as others, inhabityng within this Realme, of euery poun de that he or they haue in coyne, and the value of euery pound in plate, coyne, grayne, merchandizes, household stuffe, or other goodes, iewels, chattelles, moueable or vnmoueable, as is aforesayde, as wel within this realme as without, & of al summs of money to him or them owing, whereof he or they trust in his or their consciences to be payde (except & out of the same premisses deducted, euery such summe or summes of money, which he or they doo owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences entende truely to pay) shall pay of and for euery pounde, to and for the fyrste payment of the sayde Subsidie, iii.s. iiii.d. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, ii.s. of euery pounde. And also that euery alien and stranger borne out of the Queenes dominions, being denizen or not denizen, not beyng contributorie to any the rates aboue sayde, shal pay to and for the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie, iii.d. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde subsidie other, iii.d. for euery pol.

And the maister, or he or she with whom the same alien is or shalbe abyding at the tyme of the taration or tarations therof, to be charged with the same for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery person borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guylde, mysterie, brotherhead, and communaltie, corporate or not corporate, for euery pounde that euery of the same person, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guylde, mysterie, brotherhead, and communaltie, corporate, or not corporate, or anye other to his or their vse, hath in fee simple, fee tayle, for tearme of life, tearme of yeeres by execution, wardshippe, or by copie of Court roll, or, and in anye Honours, Castels, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, seruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yeerely profites, of the yeerely value of xx.s. as wel within auncient demeane

and other places priuiledged, or els where, and so forwardes, shall pay to and for the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie. ii.s.viii.d. of and for euery pound: and to and for the second payment of the sayde Subsidie xviii.d. of & for euery pounde. And euery alien borne out of the Queenes obeysaunce, in suche case, to pay at the fyrste of the sayde paymentes, ii.s. viii.d. of euery pound, and at the second payment. ii.s. viii.d. of and for euery pounde. And that all summes presented and chargeable by this acte, eyther for goodes and debtes, or eyther of them, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this acte conteyned, shalbe at eyther of the sayde paymentes, set and rated after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this acte landes and tenementes, chargeable to the tithes of the clergie, and yeerely wages due to seruantes for theyr yeerely seruice, other then the Queenes seruantes, takyng yeerely wages of fyue poundes or aboue, onely excepted & foreseyed) And that all plate, coigne, iewels, goods, debtes, and catels personals, beyng in the rule and custodie of anye person and persons, to the vse of any corporation, fraternitie, guylde, mysterie, brotherhead, or any communaltie, beyng corporate or not corporate, be and shalbe rated, set, and charged by reason of this acte, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificate, to be sworne, of euery pound in goodes and debtes, as is aboue sayde. And of euery pounde in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yeerely profites, as is aboue said. And the summes that are before rehearsed, set, and rated, to be leuied and taken of them that shal haue suche goodes in custodie, or other wyse charged for landes, as is before rehearsed. And the same person or persons, & body corporate, by auctoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged against him or the that shal or ought to haue ye same, at the tyme of the payment or deliuery thereof, or at his other wyse departure from the custodie or possession of the same. Except & alwayes foreseyed frō the charge & assessement of this subsidie, al goodes, catels, iewels & ornamentes of churches & chappels, which haue ben ordeyned and vsed in churches or chappels, for the honour and seruice of almightie God.

And the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie, shalbe by the auctoritie aforesayde, rated, assessed, and rated accordyng to this acte, in euery shyre, ryding, lath, wapentake, rape, citie, borough, towne, and euery other place within this Realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, before the last day of Aprill nexte commyng: and the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe by auctoritie aforesayde, rated, assessed, and rated, before the. xx. day of Januarye nexte commyng. And the particuler summes of euery shyre, ryding, borough, towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of such as are chargeable for and to the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie, to be rated and set, by the commissioners to the same limites, or two of them at the least, with the names of the hygh Collectours, and in the

same somme shalbe certified into the queenes Exchequer, before the last day of May next commyng. And the particuler sums of euery Shyre, Ryding, Borough, Towne, & other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the seconde payment of the saide Subsidie, to be tayed and set by commissioners to the same to be limitted, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the xx. day of Februarie, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God. M.D.lix. And the said summes in maner & forme aforesayd, to be tayed for the fyrst payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe payde into the Queenes receypt of her Exchequer aforesayde, to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Ladye, before the xviii. day of June next comming, and the sayd sums in maner and forme aforesayd, to be tayed for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde into the receipt aforesayd to the vse aforesayd, before the fyrst day of March, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde GOD. M.D. lix. And the summe aboue sayd, of & for the sayde Subsidie, shalbe tayed, set, assessed, demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, & payde, to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, & successours, in fourme aboue sayde, as well within the liberties, fraunchesies, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer place exempt or not exempt, as without. Except such Shyres, places, and persons, as shalbe excepted in & by this present acte: any graunt, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters patentes or other priuiledge, prescription, allowance of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, or obteyned, not withstandyng.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche person, as well suche as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, as euery other person straunger borne, Denizen or not denizen, inhabityng within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, whiche at the tyme of the sayde assessyngs or tarations, or eyther of them, to be had or made, shall be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes, or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitauntes, or the parties where suche goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses, then shalbe, or in suche other place where suche person, or his factour deputie, or attorney, shall haue his most resort vnto within this Realme, or in Wales, in lyke maner as of the sayde person were, or had ben at the tyme of the sayde assessyng within this Realme. And that euery person abyding or dwellyng within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie graunted by this acte, accordyng and after the rate of suche yeerely sub-

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ſtaunce, or value of landes and tenementes, goodes, catteils, and other the premiſſes, as euerye perſon ſo to be charged ſhalbe let at, in the tyme of the ſayde aſſeſſyng or taxation vppon hym to be maſe, and in none otherwyſe.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that for that ſeſſyng & ordering of the ſayd ſubſidie to be duely had, the lord Chauncellour of England, or the keper of y great ſeale, the Lord Treaſurer of England, the Lorde Steward of the Queenes Maieſties houſeholde, the lord preſident of the Queenes honorable counſayle, & the Lord priuie ſeale for the tyme beyng, or two of them at the leaſt, whereof the Lord Chauncelor of England, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme being to be one, ſhal and may name and appoint, of & for euery Shyre, and Ryding, & other places, aſwel within this Realme, as in Wales, & other the Queenes dominiõs, & alſo of & for euery Citie & Towne, being a Countie in it ſelfe, & of, and for the Ile of Wight, ſuche certayne number of perſons of euery of the ſame Shyres, Rydynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Ile of Wight, and euery other place, and other the inhabitauntes of the ſame, to be Commiſſioners of and within the ſame, whereof they be inhabitauntes. And alſo of, and for the honorable houſeholde of the Queenes Maieſtie, in what Shyre or other places the ſayde houſeholde ſhal happen them to be. And the Lorde Chauncellour, or keper of the great Seale, and other with hym before named, in lyke maner may name and appoint of euery other ſuche Borough and Towne corporate, aſwell in England as in Wales, & other the Queenes dominions, as they ſhal thinke requiſite. vi. v. iiii. iii. or. ii. of the head officers, and other ſad honeſt inhabitauntes of euery of the ſayd Cities, Boroughes, & Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the ſame, the which perſons, if any ſuch be hereunto named, of the ſayd inhabitauntes of the ſayde Boroughes & Townes corporate, not beyng Counties in them ſelues, ſhalbe ioyned and put in as commiſſioners, with the perſons named for ſuch Shires & Rydynges, as the ſayde Boroughes, & Townes corporate, not beyng Counties in them ſelues, be ſet and haue their beyng, which perſons ſo named for & of the ſaid boroughes, & Townes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reaſon of their dwelling in the ſame, ſhal not take vpon them, ne none of them, to put any part of their commiſſion in execution for the premiſſes, out of the ſaid boroughe & townes corporat, wherin they, being ſo named onely for the ſame be dwellyng. And alſo not to execute the ſayd commiſſion, within the Borough or Towne corporate where they be ſo dwellyng, but at ſuch dayes & tymes as the ſaid other Commiſſioners, for the ſame Shyre & Ryding ſhal thereunto limit & appoint within the ſame Borough or Towne corporat, not being Countie corporat, wherof they ſo be, & not out of ſuch Borough or Towne, & in that maner to be doing

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and assisting with the said other Commissioners, in so farthe as concerneth the effect of the said commission, upon payne of every of the said Commissioners so named for every suche Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, not being a Countie, to make suche fine as the said other Commissioners in the commission of, and for the same Shire or Riding for named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretions set and assesse into the Queenes Exchequer there to be levied to the use of the Queenes majestie in like manner as suche of the Commissioners had ben set and rated upon every suche person for the same Subsidie. The whiche Commissioners so named of and for the said Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, not being Counties, and every of them, in the said Commission, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not have any part of the portion of the fees and rewardes of the Commissioners, and their Clarkes, in this acte afterwarde specified. And the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme being, shall make and directe out of the Courts of Chauncerie, under the great Seale, severall Commissions: that is to say, To every Shyre, Riding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and houshold, suche suche person and persons, as by his discretion and other with him shall be appointed and appointed in like manner and fourme as is above rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient for the selling and levying of the said Subsidie, in all Shyres and places, according to the true meaning of this acte: whiche Commission, for the fyrst payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe directed and delivered to the said Commissioners, or to one of them, before the fyrste daye of Aprill next comming. And the Commission for the second payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe directed and delivered to the said Commissioners, or one of them, before the fyrst day of January, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousande five hundred fyftie and nine. And to every of the said Commissioners, twoe schedules, conteyning in them the tenor of this acte shalbe added, by whiche commission, the Commissioners in every such commission named according to this acte, and as many of them as shalbe appointed by the said commission, shall have full power & auctoritie to put the effect of the same commission in execution. And that by auctoritie of this acte, after suche commissions to them directed, they may by their assentes and agreementes sever themselves for the execution of their commission in Hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes and other places, within the limittes of their said commission, in suche fourme as to them shall seeme expedient to be advised, and between them to be commoned and agreed, according to the tenor and effect of the commission to them therein directed. Upon whiche severaunce, everye person of this present Parliament, that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the Hundred where he dwelleth.

prouided alwayes, that no perſon be or ſhalbe compelled to be any Commiſſioner, to and for the execution of this preſent acte, but ſuche as in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that any perſon being aſſigned to the contrary thereof, in anye wyſe ſhall not be compelled to put in execution the effecte of this acte, or anye part thereof. And it is alſo enacted by auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the Commiſſioners & euery of them, whiche ſhalbe named, limited, and appoynted accordyng to this acte, to the Commiſſioners of euery ſuche Shyre, Ridyng, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Cite, Towne, Borough, Ile, and the ſayde houſeholde, or any other place, and none other, ſhall truely, effectually, and diligently for their part, execute the effecte of this preſent acte, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none other wyſe, by any other meanes, without diſſimulation, fauour, dreade, malice, or any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrarie thereof. And the ſayd Commiſſioners, and as many of them as ſhalbe appoynted by the ſayde Commiſſion, and none other, for the execution of the ſayde Commiſſion and acte, ſhall for the taxation of the ſayd fyfte payment of the ſayde Subſidie, before the firſte day of Aprill nexte comming. And for the taxation of the ſayde ſeconde payment of the ſayde Subſidie, ſhall before the firſte day of Januarie, whiche ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thouſande fyue hundred fyfte and nyne, by vertue of the commiſſions delyuered vnto them in fourme aboueſayd, diuerſe ſeuerall or ioynt precepte, vnto .viii. .vii. .vi. .v. .iiii. or .iii. or more, as for the number of the inhabitaunces ſhalbe requiſite, of the moſt ſubſtantiall, diſcreete, and honeſt perſons, inhabitaunces, to be named by the ſayde Commiſſioners, or by as many of them as ſhalbe appoynted by the ſayde commiſſion, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Boroughes, Townes, and other places, as well without Liberties, Franchiſes, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and Sanctuaries, as without, within the limits of the Shires, Ridinges Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, or Ile aboueſayde, and other places within the limites of their commiſſion, and to the Conſtables, Subconſtables, Baylifes, and other lyke officers or miniſters of euery of the ſayde Hundredes, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parthes, & other places aforeſayd, as to the ſayd Commiſſioners, & euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them by their diſcretion in maniſon ſhall ſeeme expedient, as by the maner & vſe of the parties ſhalbe requiſite, ſtraytely by the ſame precepte charging and commaundyng the ſame inhabitaunces, Conſtables, [illegible] officers aforeſayde, to whom ſuche precepte ſhalbe ſo directed, to appeare in their proper perſons, before the ſaid Commiſſioners, or ſuche number of them as they ſhall diuide them ſelues, accordyng to the tenor of ſ ſaid commiſſion, at certayne dayes & places, by the ſaide Commiſſioners, or

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any number of them as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is aforesayd, by theyr discretions shalbe limitted therunto, to doo & accomplishe al that to them on the parties of the Queenes Maiestie shalbe enioyned touchyng this act. Commaundyng further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such precept shal come, shal shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the said precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplyshe the same, vppon payne of xl.s. to be forfeyted to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordeyned by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde day and place prefixed and limitted in the sayde precept, euery of the Commissioners then beyng in the Shyre, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limitted, shall appeare in his proper person, that there the same Commissioners beyng present, or as many as shalbe appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shal call or cause to be called before them the sayde inhabitauntes and officers to whom they haue directed theyr sayde preceptes, and whiche had in commaundement there to appeare by the sayde precept of the sayde Commissioners, and yf any person so warned make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sickenesse or lawful excuse, and that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons, & yf any appearyng refuse to be sworne in fourme folowing, to forfaite to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shillinges. And so at euery time appoynted by the sayde Commissioners for the same taration, vnto suche tyme the number of euery suche persons haue appeared and certified in fourme vnder written, and euerye of them so makyng default, or refusyng to be sworne, to forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie xl.s. & vpon the same appearaunce had, one of the most substantial inhabitauntes or officers beyng warned and appearyng before the sayde Commissioners, shalbe sworne vpō a booke openly before the Commissioners in fourme folowing.

I shall truely enquyre with my felowes that shalbe charged with me, of the Hundred, Wapentake, Warde, Towne, or other place, of the best and most value of the substaunce of euerye person dwellyng and abiding within the limittes of the places that I and my felowes shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or theyr most resort vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this acte of this Subsidie, and of all other articles that I shalbe charged with touchyng the sayde acte, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and therevppon as nere as it may be, or shall come to my knowledge truely to present and certifie before you, the names, surnames, and the best and determost substaunce, and values of euery of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes,

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examination. And yf anye of those persons whiche shoulde be warned, as is beforesayde, to be examined, whiche at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed day, shalbe within suche place, where he may haue knowledge of his sayd appearaunce to be made, make default, and appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of two credible persons, before the sayde Commissioners, be truely alleaged for his discharge: that then euery of them so makyng default, to be taxed and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with and at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or ought to haue been set at, for and after the best value of his lande or substaunce vppon hym certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there beyng, whiche Commissioners shall trauayle with euery of the other persons so there and there appearyng, whose names shalbe expressed in the sayde precept or preceptes, and in whom any vehement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme aboresayde, by all suche wayes and meanes they can, other then by corporall othe, for their better knowledge of their best value, eyther in herditamentes or possessions, eyther els in goodes or debtes.

And that euery Spirituall person, at eyther of the sayde tarations of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe rated and set according to the rate aboresayde, of and for euery pounde that the same Spirituall person or anye other to his vse, hath by dissent, bargayne, or purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, tearme of lyfe, tearme of yeeres, by execution, by warde, or by copie of Court roll, in any mannours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, offices, fees, corrodies, annuities, or hereditamente, after the cleare, full, and veerely value thereof, after and according as other the Queenes Maiesties Subiectes borne within this Realme, be charged in fourme aboue remembred, so that it extende to the veerelye value of xx s. or aboue.

And yf anye person certified or rated by vertue of this acte, be by Commissioner or other, to anye manner of value, dooth finde hym selfe greeued with the same presentment, sessyng, or taxyng, and thereupon complayne to the Commissioners, before whom he shalbe rated, sessed, or taxed, or before two of them: That then the sayde Commissioners shall by all wayes and meanes, examine particularly and diligently the person so complaynyng, and other his neyghbours by their discretion, of euerye his landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euerye his goodes, cattelles, and debtes aboue mentioned, and after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceyued by the sayde Commissioners, whiche shall haue power for the same howrie aforesayde: the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, to whom anye suche complaynt shalbe made, by their

diſcretions, vppon the othe of the ſayde perſon ſo complayninge, maye abate, defaulke, encreaſe or enlarge the ſame aſſeſſement, accordyng as it ſhall appeare vnto them iuſt, vppon the ſame examination. And the ſame ſumme ſo abated, defaulked, encreaſed or enlarged, to be eſtreated in forme as hereafter enſueth. So that be come before the eſtreates of the ſame aſſeſſyng be deliuered by the ſame Commiſſioners into the Queenes Maieſties Exchequer. And yf it be proued by witneſſe, his owne confeſſion, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any ſuch othe made, that the ſame perſon ſo tazed and ſworne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thinges aboue ſpecified, at any tyme of the ſayde othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne, dyd declare vpon his ſayd othe: That then euery ſuche perſon ſo offendyng, ſhal loſe and forfayte to the Queenes Maieſtie ſo much in lawfull money of Englande, as the ſame perſonne ſo ſworne was ſet at or tazed to pay, and all perſons, ſet, rated, and tazed, as is aboueſayde, ſhalbe bounde and charged by the ſame, and the ſumme or ſummes vpon hym ſet, to be due towardes the payment of the ſayde Subſidie, and to be leuied as hereafter ſhalbe ſpecified.

And alſo it is enacted by the ſame auctoritie, that euerye perſon to be rated at the ſame taxation, as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe rated, tazed, and ſet, and the ſumme on hym ſet, to be leuied at ſuche place where he and his familie, at the tyme of the ſame preſentment to be made, ſhall keepe his houſe or dwellyng, or where he then ſhall be moſte conuerſaunt, abyding, or reſiaunt, or ſhal haue his moſt reſort, and ſhalbe beſt knowen at the tyme of the ſayde certificate to be made, and no where els: and that no Commiſſioner of this Subſidie, ſhalbe rated or tazed for his goodes or landes, but in the Shyre and other place where he ſhalbe Commiſſioner. And that yf anye perſon chargeable to this acte, at the time of the ſame aſſeſſing, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he ſhall be knowen, then he to be ſet where he was laſt abyding in this Realme, and within Wales, and beſt knowen, and after the ſubſtaunce and value, and other profites of euery perſon knowen by the examination, certificat, and other manner of wyſe, as is aforeſayde. The ſayde Commiſſioners, or as manye of them as ſhall be appoynted by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion, ſhal after the rate aforeſayd, ſet and taxe euery perſon accordyng to the rate of the ſubſtaunce and value of his landes, goodes, and other profites, whereby the greateſt and moſt iuſt ſumme, accordyng to his moſt ſubſtaunce, by reaſon of this acte, might or may be ſet or tazed.

Prouided alwayes that euerye ſuche perſon, whiche ſhall be ſet or tazed for payment of and to this Subſidie, for and after the peereiye value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall poſſeſſions,

or profites, at any of the sayde tarations, shall not be set and tared for his goodes and cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, at the same tarations. And that he that shalbe charged or tared for the same Subsidie, for his goodes, cattelles, and other moueables, at anye of the sayde tarations, shall not be charged, tared, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall possessions and profites aboue sayde, at the same tarations, nor that anye personne be double charged for the sayde Subsidie, neyther set or tared at seuerall places by reason of this acte, any thyng conteined in this present acte, notwithstandyng.

And that it be ordeyned by the sayde aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no persoune hauyng two mansions, or two places to resort vnto, or tallyng hym selfe housholde seruaunt, or wayting seruaunt to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lorde or Lady, Master or Maistres, be excused vpon his saying, from the tares of the sayde Subsidie, in eyther of the places where he may be set, vnles he bryng a certificate in wryting from the Commissioners, where that he is so set in deede at one place. And yf any person that ought to be set, by reason of his remouuyng or resortyng to two places, or by reason of his saying that he els where was tared, or by reason of anye priuiledge by his dwellyng or abydyng in any place, not beyng forexpressed in this acte, or otherwyse by his couin or craft happen to escape from the sayde tarations, and be not set, and that proued by presentment, examination, or information, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe by the same Commission appoynted, or by the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or two Justices of the peace, of the Countie where suche person dwelleth, then euery suche person, that by suche meanes, or otherwyse wyllyngly by couin shall happen to escape from the sayd taration or payment aforesaid, and not be tared, rated, and set: shalbe charged vpon the knowledge and profe thereof, with, and at the double value that he should or ought to haue ben set at afore, accordyng to his behauiour: the same double value to be leuied, gathered, and payde of his goodes and cattelles, landes and tenementes, towardes the sayde Subsidie, and further to be punished accordyng to the discretions of the Barons, Justices, and Commissioners, before whom he shalbe conuicted for his offence and deceipt in that behalfe.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners of euerye Commission, shall accordyng to theyr diuisions, and after they be diuided, haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to sette, tare, and selle euery other Commissioner, ioyned with them in euery suche Commission and diuision: and shall also assesse euery assessour, within theyr

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diuision, for his and their goodes, landes, and other the premisses as is aboue sayde. By the whiche sayd Commission, the sayd Commissioners shall indifferently set, leue, and assesse them selues, and the saydes subsidies. And that as well the summes vpon euery of the sayd Commissioners and assessours, so sessed, rated and taxed, as the summes made and presented by the presenters, sworne as is aboue sayde, shalbe written, certified, set and estreated, and the estreates thereof to be made, vnto other the inhabitaunces of that parties, within the limitts of the same Commission & diuision, so to be gathered & leuied in the manner as it ought or houlde haue ben, yf the sayd Commissioners had not ben in the said Commission. And that all persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and euery estate aboue, shalbe charged with their freehold and value as is aboue sayd, by the Chauncellour or keeper of the great Seale, Treasurer of England, Lord President of the Queenes Highnes priuie Counsayle, & Lord priuie Seale for the time being, or other persons by the Queenes Maiesties authoritie to be limitted, and they to be charged for the sayde seuerall payments of the sayde subsidies, after the fourme of the sayd graunt, according to y taxation aforesaid, and the summes vpon them set, with the names of the collectours appointed for the gathering and paying of the same, to be estreated, deliuered and certified, at dayes and places aboue specified, by the Lorde Chauncellour, or keeper of y great Seale, Treasurer, Lorde President of the Counsayle, and Lord priuie Seale for the tyme being, or such other persons as shalbe limitted by the Queenes Maiestie. And after the taxes and assesses of the sayde summes vpon and by the sayd assessing and certificate, as is aforesayde made, the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appointed by y Queenes maiesties Commission, shall with all speede, and without delay, by the writing estreated of the sayd taxe thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed at the least to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabitaunces, Constables, Subconstables, Bailyffes, and other officers of euery or Hundredes, Townes, Parishes, and other places aforesayd, within their limits, or to other sufficient persons inhabitaunces of the same onely, by the discretion of the sayd Commissioners, and as the place and parties shall require, as well the particuler names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money, taxed and set, of, and vpon euery person, as well man as woman, chargeable to this acte, houlholder, and al other inhabitaunces and dwellers within the sayd parishes, townes, and places contributorie to this acte of Subsidie. By auctoritie of which writing or estreate so deliuered, the sayde officers and other persons so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, immediatly after the

deliuerie of the sayde wryting or estreate, to demaund, leuie, & geather of euery person therein specified, the summe or summes in the same wryting or estreate comprised, & for non payment thereof, to distreine the same person or persons, so being behynde, by theyr goodes and cattels, and the distresse so taken, to keepe by the space of viii. dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the sayd owner do not pay such summe of money as shalbe taxed by this act, within the same viii. dayes, then the same distresse to be appraysed by iiii, iii, or ii. of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also to be solde by the sayd Constable or other Collectour, for the payment of the sayd money, and the ouerplus commyng of the sale and keepyng thereof (if any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse, whiche sayd officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, geather, and leuie the sayde summes, shall and weare and be charged for the portion onely to them assigned or limitted to be geathered, leuied, and comprised in the sayde wryting or estreate so to them (as is aforesayde) deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes maiestie, and her heyres, and successours. And the said summe in that writing or estreate comprised, to pay vnto the high Collectour or Collectours of the place, for the collection of the same, in manner and fourme vnder written, therunto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitauntes and officers so gatheryng the same particuler summes, for theyr collection thereof, shal reteyne for euery xx.s. so by them receyued and payde, two pence, & that to be allowed at the payment of theyr collection by them to be made to the high Collectour or Collectours.

And further be it enacted by the sayde auctho*r*itie, that the sayde Commissioners, or the more parte of them, as shall take vpon them the execution & busines of the sayd Commission, shal for eyther of the same paymentes of the sayd subsidie, name such sufficient and able persons, whiche then shall haue and possede landes and other hereditamentes, in theyr owne right, of the yeerely value of xx.li. or goodes to the value of CC. marckes at the least. And the persons seuerally by the discretios of the same Commissioners, in shyres, rydinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswel within places priuileged as without, not being forexpressed within this acte, to be high Collectours, and haue the collection and receipt of the sayd summes set, and leuiable within the precinct, limit, and boundes, where they shalbe so limitted to geather & receiue, to euery of the which collectours so seuerally named, the said commissioners, or ii. of them at the least, shal with al speede, & without delay, after the sayd whole summe of the sayd subsidie, be set by al the limits of the same their commission, or in such limits as the high collectors shalbe so seuerally assigned, shal vnder theyr seales and signes manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchment,

parchment to euery of the sayd high Collectours, comprisyng in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the sayd particuler summes, and the summes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Towne, or other place afore said, with the names & surnames of the persons so charged, according to the estreate so fyrst thereof made, as is aforesaide, and deliuered, and the Collector to be assigned, shalbe charged to answere the whole summe comprised in the sayd estreate limitted to his collection, as is aforesaid:

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the said Commissioners hauing authoritie by this act, to name & nominate the sayd high Collectors of the sayd subsidie, shall immediatly vpon the nomination & election take by authuritie of this present parliament, sufficient recognisaunces or obligations, without any fee or rewarde to be payd therefore of euery person so by them to be named to be high Collector, to be bounden to the Queenes maiestie in the double sum of the summe of his collection, and to be endorsed and made vpon such condition: that is to say, for the collection of the sayde fyrst payment of the sayd subsidie, that yf the sayde Collector, his heyres, or executors, do truely content & pay to the vse of the Queenes maiestie, her heyres, or executors, in the receypt of the sayde Exchequer, before the sayde xxiiith. day of June next commyng, so much of the said summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he shal collect and geather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath geathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in ful strength and vertue. And for the collection of the seconde payment of the said subsidie, vpon condition, that yf the said Collector, his heyres, or executors, do truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or executors, in her receipt of the Exchequer, before the first day of March, which shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God. M.D.lx. so muche of the sayde summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he shall collect and geather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath geathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayd recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue: which sayd seuerall recognisaunces or obligations so taken, the sayd Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the said taxations and rates of the payments of the sayd subsidie, at and by the tyme to them prescribed and appoynted by this acte, for the certificate of the sayd seuerall taxations of the said subsidie, vpon paine of forfaiture of x.li. to the Queenes maiestie, for euery recognisaunce or obligation not certified. And that euery suche Collectour, so elected, named, and cholen, vppon requeste to

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hym made, shall knowledge and make the layd Recognisaunce of the
ligation, vppon lyke payne and forfayture of x.li. to the Lieutenaunt
lette for the refusall thereof, and euery Collectour so deputed, hauyng
the layd estreat in parchment, as is afore layd, shall make all suche is
this acte, to appoynt dayes and places within the limittes of his Col-
lection, for the payment of the layde Subsidie to hym to be made, and
thereof to gette warnyng by proclamation or otherwise, to all the Con-
stables or other persons or inhabitauntes, hauyng the charge of the
particuler collection, within the Hundredes, Rapithes, Townes or
other places by hym or them limitted, to make payment for their layd
particuler collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertayne, and
yf at the said day and place so limitted & prefixed by the said Collectour,
the layd Constable, Officers, or other persons or inhabitauntes, as is
afore layde, for the layd particuler collection, assigned and appointed
within such Hundredes, Citie, Towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the
layd Collectours, the sum within their seuerall Hundredes, Townes,
Rapithes, and other places, due and compelled in the said estreat there-
of, to hym deliuered by the layd Commissioners, or some of them as is
afore said, or so much thereof as they haue by any meane receyued, ii.s.
of euery pounde for the layde particuler collection as is afore layde, al-
wayes to be thereof alowed, excepted, and abated: that then it shalbe
lawfull to the layde seuen Collectours and euery of them and to their
assignes to distreyne euery of the layd Constables, Officers, and other
inhabitauntes, for their layde seuerall and particuler collection of the
layde summes comprised in the layde estreate and wrytyng thereof, to
them and euery of them, as is before expressed, deliuered, or for as much
of the same summe as so then shall happen to be gathered, and leuied,
and behynde and vnpayd, by the goodes and cattelles of euery of them
so beyng behynde. And the distresse so taken, to be kept, appraysed, and
solde, as is aforesayd, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then
beyng behynde and vnpayde. And the ouerplus comming of the sale of
the layd distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner
in fourme afore remembred.

Prouided alwayes, that no person inhabityng in any Citie, Bo-
rough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be an assistour or
Collectour of, or for any parte of the layde Subsidie, in any place or
places out of the layde Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, where he
dwelleth.

And it is also by the layde authoritie enacted, that if any inhabi-
taunt or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for
the collection or receipte of any part or portion of the layd Subsidie, by
any maner of meanes, according to this acte, or any person or persons
for them selues, or as heyer, gardian, deputie, factour, or attorney, of or
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for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattels of the owner thereof at the tyme of the sayde assessing to be made, beyng out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of any for the goodes and cattels of any other person or persons, of any corporation, fraternitie, mystery, or other whatsoeuer communaltie, beyng incorporate or not corporate, and all persons hauyng in their rule, gouernaunce and custodie any goodes or cattelles at the tyme of the sayd assessing, or any of them, to be made, or whiche for any cause, for and by colour of, or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce, or custodie of any goodes or cattelles, of anye other person or persons, corporation, communaltie, fraternitie, guylde, or mystery, or any such other lyke, or as a factor, deputie, or attorney, or otherwise any person, shalbe tared, rated, valued, & set to any summe or summes by reason of this acte, and after the taxation or assessyng vppon anye such person or persons as shalbe charged with the receypt of the same happen to dye, or depart from the place where he was so tared and set, or his goodes or cattelles be so eloygned, or in such tyme & coulert maner kept, as the sayde person or persons, charged with the same, by estreates, or other writynges, from the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appointed by the sayd Commission, as is aforesayde, can, ne may leuy t he same summe or summes, compowned within the same estreates, by distresse, within the limittes of their collection, as is aforesayde, or can not sell such distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the sayde paymentes, before the time limitted to the high Collectour for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt, then vpon relation thereof, with due examination, by the othe or examination of such person or persons, as shalbe charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe thereunto appointed, where such person or persons, or other as is aforesayde, their goodes and cattelles, were set and tared, and vppon playne certificate thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, as well of the dwellyng place, names, and summes of the sayde persons, of whom the sayde summes can not be leuied and had as is aforesaid, then as well the Constables and other inhabitantes appointed for the sayd particuler collection, against the high Collectours, as the high Collectour vpon his accompt in the sayd Exchequer, to be discharged thereof, and processe to be made for the Queenes Maiestie out of the sayd Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the sayd Exchequer, against such person, his heyres, or executors, so being behynd with his payment. And ouer that y same Commissioner to whom any such declaration of the premisses shalbe made in fourme aforesayd, from tyme to tyme shal haue full power and

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auctoritie to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the sayde person or persons charged with any sume or sumes, for or vpon any such person or persons or other as is aforesayd or to any Shiriffe, Steward, Bailiffe or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of such place or places where anye such person or persons owyng such summe or summes shall haue landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or real possessions, goodes, and cattels, whereby any such person or persons so inuested, his heyres, executours, or assignes, or other hauing the custody, gouernaunce, or disposition, of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or whiche ought or may by this acte lawfully be distrayned, or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, whereof such summe or summes, which by any such person or persons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limittes of such Commission, where such person or persons was and were taxed, or without, in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, marches or territories, by which precept as well such person or persons, as shalbe charged to leuy such money, as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to distrayne euery such person indebted, charged and chargeable by this acte, or his executours or administratours of his goodes and cattels, his gardians, factors, deputies, lessees, termours, and assignes, and all other persons by whose handes or out of whose landes, any such person should haue rent, fee, annuitie, or other profite, or whiche at any tyme of the sayde assessinges, shall haue goodes or cattelles or any other thyng moueable, of anye such person or persons, beyng indebted, or owyng such summe, and the distresse so taken, caried to be kept, appraysed, and solde, in the maner and fourme as is aforesayde, for the distresse to be taken vpon such persons to be taxed to the sayde Subsidie, and beyng sufficient to distreyne within the limittes of the collectours, inhabitauntes, or other officers, charged with, or for the same summes, so vppon them to be taxed. And if any such distresse for non payment, happen to be taken out of the limitte of the sayde persons, charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persons so charged for the leuie of anye such summe by distresse, shall receyue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person, goyng for the execution thereof, for euerye myle that any such person so laboureth for the same, two pence. And euery Tenaunt, Gardian, Factour, or other whatsoeuer person, being distrayned, or otherwyse charged for payment of anye such summe or summes, or anye other summe by reason of this acte, shall be of such summe or summes, of hym or them to be leuied and taken, discharged and acquited at his nexte day of payment of the same

same, or at the deliuerie of suche goodes and cattelles, as he that is so distrayned had in his custodie and gouernaunce, agaynst hym or them that shalbe so tared and set, anye graunt or wryting obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrarye made heretofore, notwithstandyng. And yf any suche person that should be so distrayned haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his tenauntes and fermours maye be distrayned, or hath eloyned, aliened, or hyd his goodes and cattelles, whereby he shoulde or myght be distrayned, in suche maner, that suche goodes and cattelles shall not be knowen or founde, so that the summe of or by him to be payde in the said fourme, shal, ne can conueniently be leuied: Then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe thereunto appoynted, where suche person or persons was tared and set, by the othes of hym or them that shalbe charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes, the same Commissioners shal make a precept in suche maner as is aforesayd, for to attache, take, and arrest the body of suche person or persons that ought to pay the sayde summes, and by this acte shalbe charged with, and for the sayde summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the Shyre or other place, where any suche person or persons shalbe taken & attached, there to remayne without bayle or mainepryse, vntyll he hath payde the same summe or summes, that suche person for hym selfe, or for any other, by this act shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withall. And also for the fees of euery suche arrest, to hym or them that shall execute suche precept, xx.d. And that euerye officer vnto whom suche precept shalbe directed, doo his true deligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted, vpon payne to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie for euerye defaulte in that behalfe, twentie shyllynges. And that no keeper of any Gaole, from his Gaole suffer any suche person to goe at large by lettyng to bayle, or otherwyse to depart out of his prison, before he haue payde his sayde debt, and the said xx.d. for the sayde arrest, vppon payne to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shyllynges. And the same Gaoler to paye vnto the Queenes Maiestie the double value, aswel of the rate whiche the sayd person so imprysoned was tared at, as of the sayde twentie pence for the fees, and lyke proces and remedy in lyke fourme shalbe graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe thereunto appoynted, at lyke information of euerye personne or personnes beyng charged with anye summe of money, for anye other personne or persons, by reason of the sayde Subsidie, and not thereof payde, but wyllfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limittes where suche personnes were thereunto tared. And yf the summe or summes beyng behynde

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vnpayde, by any perſon or perſons, as is aboueſayde, to be leuied and gath-
thered by force of the ſayde proceſſe, to be made by the ſayde Commiſſio-
oners, or yf in default, or for lacke of payment therof, the perſon or per-
ſons ſo obeying the ſayde ſumme or ſummes of money, by proces of
the ſame Commiſſioners, to be made as is aboueſayde, be committed
to pryſon in fourme aboueſayde, that then the ſayde Commiſſioners
whiche ſhall awarde ſuche proces, ſhall make certificate therof in the
ſayde Exchequer, of that ſhalbe done in the premiſſes, in the Eſtrine
nert folowyng, after ſuche ſumme or ſummes of money ſo beyng be-
hinde, ſhalbe leuied and geathered, or ſuche perſon or perſons for non
payment of the ſame committed to pryſon. And yf it happon any of
the ſayde Collectours to be aſſigned, or any Maiors, Shyriffes,
Stewarde, Conſtable, the Headborough, Borſholder, Bayliffe, or any
other officer, or miniſter, or other whatſoeuer perſon or perſons, to
diſobey the ſayde Commiſſioners, or any of them, in the reaſonable de-
requeſt to them made by the ſayde Commiſſioners, for execution of
the ſayde Commiſſion, or yf any of the officers or other perſons doo
refuſe that to them ſhall appartayne and belong to doo, by reaſon of
any precept to hym or them to be directed, or any reaſonable com-
maundement, inſtaunce, or requeſt, touchyng the premiſſes, or
other default in any appearaunce, or collection to make, or yf any
perſon beyng ſuſpect, or not to be indifferently tayed, as is aboueſayde,
doo refuſe to be examined according to the tenour of this acte, be-
fore the ſayde Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalbe there bn
to aſſigned, as is aboueſayde, or wyll not appeare before the ſame Com-
miſſioners, vppon warnyng to hym made, or elſe make reſiſtaunce or
reſiſtous, vppon any diſtreſſe vppon hym to be taken, for any parcell of
the ſayde Subſidie, or commit any miſbehauour in any maner
of wyſe, contrary to this acte, or commit any wylfull omiſſion, or o-
ther whatſoeuer wylfull, not dooyng or miſdooyng, contrary to the te-
nour of this acte or graunt, the ſame Commiſſioners, and euery num-
ber of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the leaſt, vppon pro-
bable knowledge of any ſuche miſdemeanors had by information or
examination, ſhall and may for vppon euery ſuche offendour or euery
ſuche offence, in name of a fine by the ſame offendours to be forfayed,
fourtie ſhyllinges, or vnder, by the diſcretion of the ſame Commiſſio-
ners. And further, the ſame Commiſſioners, and euery number of
them, or two of them at the leaſt, ſhall haue auctoritie by this preſente
acte, to puniſhe euery ſuche offendour, by impriſonment, there to re-
maine, and to be deliuered by their diſcretion, as ſhall ſeeme to them
conuenient, the ſayde tymes, yf anye ſuche be, to be certified by the
ſayde Commiſſioners that ſo aſſeſſed the ſame, into the Office of the
ſayde Exchequer, there to be leuyed and payde by the Collec-

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tours of that parties for the sayde Subsidie, returned into the sayde Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, in suche maner as yf the sayde fines had ben set and taxed vpon the sayd offendours for the sayd Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this Parliament, that euery of the sayde hygh Collectours, whiche shall accompt for any part of the sayde Subsidie, in the sayde Exchequer, vpon their generall sayde accomptes to be yeelded, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayde payementes of the sayde Subsidie, for euerye pounde limitted to his collection, whereof any suche Collectour shalbe charged, and yeelde accompt, fiue pence, as parcell of their charge, that is to say, of euery pound thereof, for suche person as then haue had the particuler collection in the townes and other places, as is aforesayde, specified in his collection, two pence, and other two pence of euery pounde thereof, euery of the sayde cheefe collectours, or their accomptauntes, to reteyne to their owne vse for their labour and charge, in, and about the premisses, and two pence of euery pounde residue, to be deliuered, allowed, and payde for the sayde Collectours so beyng thereof allowed, to suche of the Commissioners as shall take vpon them the businesse and labour, for and about the premisses (that is to saye) euery Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners whiche had the ordryng of the wrytinges, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, where the sayde Collectour or Collectours had their collection, for expences of the sayde Commissioners, so takyng vpon them the sayde businesse, and labour of their Clarkes, wryting the sayd preceptes and estreates for the sayde Collections, the same last two pence of euery pounde to be deuided amongst the sayd Commissioners, hauyng regarde to their labour and businesse taken by them or their sayde Clarkes, in and about the premisses, for the whiche part so to the sayde Commissioners atteyning, the sayde Commissioners .vi.v.iiii.iii. or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appointed by the Queenes maiesties commission, and euery of them ioyntly and seuerally for his and their sayde parte, maye haue his remedie agaynst the sayde Collectour or Collectours, whiche thereof ben, and myght haue ben allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendaunt shal not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther iniunction, or other essoigne shalbe allowed. And that no person nowe beyng of the number of the companie of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner, shalbe named or alligned to be any collectour or subcollectour, or presentour of the sayde Subsidie, or of any part therof, nor no Commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or certificate, other then in the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, of, for, or concernyng the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof. And lykewyse that none other person that shalbe named or alligned to be commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of

this acte of Subsidie, be or shalbe assigned, or named head collectours of anye of the payments of the sayde Subsidie, neyther of anye parte thereof. And that euery suche person or persons, whiche shalbe named and appoynted as is aforesayde, to be head Collectours, in and for the fyrst payment of this Subsidie, shal not be compelled to be collectour for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, or for any part thereof. And the sayde Collectours whiche shalbe assigned for the collection of the sayde Subsidie, or for any parte thereof, and euery of them, be and shalbe acquited and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any thyng concernyng the same to be assied. And that yf any person receyue and take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any suche accomptaunt, that then he shall forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie, for euery penye, or the value of penye so taken, x.s. and suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxing and assessing of the sayde Subsidie, as is aforesayde, hadde or made, and the sayde estreates thereof in parchment, vnto the Collectour in maner and forme before rehearsed delyuered, the sayde commissioners which shal take vpon them the execution of this acte, within the limittes of theyr commission, by theyr agrementes shall haue meetin g together, at which meetyng euery of the sayd commissioners whiche then shal haue taken vppon them the execution of any part of the sayde commission, shall by hym selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bryng worth vnto the sayde commissioners named in the sayde Commission, the certificate and presentment made before hym, and suche other commissioners as were limitted with hym in one limitte, so that the same certificate maye be accompted and cast with the other certificates of the other limittes within the same commission: and then the sayde commissioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesayde, yf any be in lyfe, or theyr executours or administratours of theyr goodes, yf they then be dead, shall ioyntlye and seuerallye as they were diuided within theyr limittes, vnder theyr seales by their discretion, make one or seuerall writinges indented, conteynyng in it as well the names of the sayde collectours by the commissioners, for suche collection and accompt in the Exchequer, and payment in the sayd receipt deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes written vnto euerye suche Collectour, to receyue the sayde Subsidie. And also all fines, amerciamentes, and other forfeytures, yf any suche by reason of this acte happen to be within the precinct and limit of theyr commission, to be certified into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer by the sayde commissioners, in whiche writyng or writynges indented so to be certified, shalbe playnely declared and expressed, the whole and entire summe

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of ſummes of the ſayde Subſidie, ſeuerally limitted to the collection of the ſayde collectour, ſeuerally deputed and aſſigned to the collection of the ſaid ſummes, ſo that none of the ſaid Collectours ſo certified to the ſayde Exchequer, ſhalbe compelled there to accompt vp to be charged, but only to pay for the ſum limitted to his Collection, & not to or for any ſum limitted to the collection of his fellow, but that euery of them, ſhall be ſeuerally charged for their part, limitted to their collection. And yf the ſayd Commiſſioners ioyned in one commiſſion, amongſt themſelues in that matter can not agree, or yf any of them be not redy, or refuſe to make certificate with other of the ſame Commiſſioners, that then the ſame Commiſſioners may make ſeuerall Indentures in forme aboueſayde, of their ſeuerall limmittes or ſeperations of Collectours, within the limittes of their commiſſion, vpon, and in the Pondered, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or ſuche other lyke diuiſions, within their ſayde ſeuerall limittes of their Commiſſion, as the places there ſhall require to be ſeuered and deuyded, and as to the ſame Commiſſioners ſhall ſeeme good to make diuiſions of their limittes or collections, for the ſeuerall charges of the ſame Collectours. So that alway one Collectour ſhalbe charged and accompte for his parte to hym to be limitted onely by hym ſelfe, and not for any ſummes limitted to the part of any of his fellowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours, to be ſet and certified ſeuerally vppon them: and euery ſuche Collectour vppon his accompt and payment of the ſummes of money limitted within his collection, to be ſeuerally by hym ſelfe acquited and diſcharged in the ſayd Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to any perſon or perſons for the ſame, vppon the payne and penaltie laſt aboueſayde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour. And yf any Commiſſioner after he hath taken certificate of them, that, as is aboueſayde, ſhall before any ſuch commiſſioner be examined, and the ſummes rated and ſet, and the bookes and writinges thereof being in his handes, or yf any Collectour or other perſon charged with any receipt of any parte of the ſayde Subſidie, or any other perſon taxed, or otherwyſe by this acte charged with and for any parcel of the ſayde Subſidie, or with any other ſummes, or fines, amerciament, penaltie, or other forfeyture, happen to dye before the commiſſioner, Collectour, or other whatſoeuer perſon or perſons haue accomted, accomplished, ſatisfied, or ſufficiently diſcharged, that vnto euery ſuche perſon ſhall appertayne or belong to do according to this acte, then the executours and heyres of euery ſuch perſon, and all other ſeaſed of any landes or tenementes, that any ſuche perſon being charged by this acte, and diſcharging hym ſelfe he be diſcharged thereof, or any other to his vſe onely haddes of eſtate of inheritaunce, at the tyme that any ſuche perſon was named Commiſſioner, Collectour, or otherwyſe charged with and for any

maner of thyng to be done, fatisfied or payde by reafon of this acte, and all thofe that haue in their poffeffions, or handes, any goodes or catels, leaffes or other thynges that were to any fuche perfone or perfones, at the time of his death, or any landes, or tenementes, that were the fame perfon or perfones at the tyme he was as is aforefayde charged by this acte, fhalbe by the fame compelled and charged to do and accomplyfhe to do in every cafe, as the fame perfon fo beyng charged fhoulde haue done & might haue bin compelled to do, if he had ben in playne life, after fuche rate of the landes and goodes of the fame comyffioner or collectour, as the partie that haue in his handes and is the fayde commiffioners for caufes reafonable them mouing, fhall thynke it not conuenient to ioine in one certificate, as is before fayd, then the fame perfon or perfones, that fhal firft wyth fogeftes, or the fame fhal firft certifie the fayde wryting endented as is aforefayd, fhal certifie all the names of the commiffioners of that commiffion, whereupon fuche wrytinges fhalbe there them to be certified, with diuifions of the Hundredes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tithinges, or other places, to and among fuche commiffioners of the fame commiffion, with the names of the fame commiffioners, whereof fuche feperation and diuifion fhalbe, with the groffe fummes of money, al well of and for the fayde Subfidie, tayed or fet, of or within the fayd hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places to hym or them diuided or affigned, that fhall fo certifie the fayde fyrft wrytyng, as of fines, amerciamentes, penalties, or other forfeytures, if any happen to be within the fame limittes, whereof the fame wrytynges fhalbe certified, and what fuche wryting indented, whiche as is aforefayde, fhalbe certified, and not contenein it the whole and full fummes, fet and tayed within the limittes of the fame commiffion, the other commiffioners of the fame, before the day of payment of the fayde Subfidie, fhall certifie vnto the fayde Exchequer, by their wrytyng or wrytinges indented, to be made as is aforefayde, the groffe and feuerall fummes, fet and tayed within the places to them limitted for the fame Subfidie, and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties and forfeitures, with the names of the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, and other places to them affigned, or els by their fayde wrytinges indented, to certifie at the fayde place, before the fayde day of payment, fuche reafonable caufes for their excufes, why they may not make fuche certificate, or, and to the fayd Subfidie, fines, amerciamentes, and other forfeytures, growyng or fet by reafon of the caufes of their leetes, or of their none certifying, as is aboue fayde, or els in default thereof, proces to be made out of the Queenes Maieflies fayde Exchequer, againft the fayde commiffioners, and euery of them, not makyng certificate as is aforefayde, by the difcretion of the Treafurer, or Barons of the fayd Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie afore-

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sayde, that the inhabitauntes of the Parishe of Saint Martin, called Stampforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stampforde, in the South part of the water there, called Welland, whiche hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, shalbe assessed, rated, and tared for this tyme, by suche Commissioners, whiche shalbe appointed for the taryng, ratyng, and sessyng of suche Subsidie or taxe within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this tyme contributorie, and pay the sayde Subsidie to the Collectour or Collectours, whiche shalbe assigned and appointed for the levying and gatheryng of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgeses of the sayde Borough and Towne of Stampforde.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that all and every person and persons, hauing Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this acte, and also hauing spirituall possessions, chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme, in their conuocation, and ouer this hauyng substaunce in goodes and cattelles chargeable by this sayde acte: that then he or they of the same person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and tared for the sayd Manours, Landes, and Tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and tared, for his or their goodes and cattelles, that then he or they shalbe onely charged by vertue of this acte, for his and their sayd Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or onely for his saide goodes and cattelles, the best thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidie, nor any thyng therein conteyned, in any wise extende to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers in Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or any of them, of or concernyng any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, which the said inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Jerneley, Garneley, or in any of them, of or for, or concernyng any fees or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie for their attendance and dooyng seruice to our Souereigne Ladie, in Irelande, Jerneley, Garneley, or in any of them, any thyng in this present act to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this present act of Subsidie, ne any thyng therein conteyned, extend to any of the englishe inhabitauntes, or residentes in any of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmorelande,

land, the Towne of Barwiche, the Towne of Newcaſtel vpon Tine, & the Byſhoprycke of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concernyng any Manors, Landes, Tenementes, or other poſſeſſions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable ſubſtaunce, whiche the ſame inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to theyr vſe, haue within the layde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberland, Weſtmerland, or the Towne of Barwiche, the Towne of Newcaſtle vpon Tine, or the Byſhoprycke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees or wages which any of the layd inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maieſtie, for their attendaunce and doing ſeruice to the Queenes maieſtie, for or within the layde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Weſtmerlande, the Towne of Barwyche, the Towne of Newcaſtle vpon Tine, and the Byſhoprycke of Durham, or any of them, ys or for the layd tayng, leuying, gathering, or payment, but that the Engliſhe inhabitaunts, and reſiaunts, and euery of them, of the ſaid Counties, Byſhoprycke, and Townes, and euery of them, ſhal be of and from the layde Subſidie, and euery parcell thereof, and for theyr Manors, Landes, Tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and catteles, lyng and being in the layde Counties, Townes, and Byſhoprycke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and diſcharged, any thyng in this preſent acte before rehearſed to the contrary, not withſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, that all letters patentes, graunted by the Queenes Maieſtie, or any of her moſt noble Progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes or Townes, within this Realme, of any manner of liberties, priuiledges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of anye ſuche graūtes of Subſidies, whiche be at this preſent tyme in force and bayleable, ſhall remayne good and effectuall to the layde Cities, Boroughes and Townes hereafter, according to the purpoſes thereof, though the inhabitauntes of the ſame, ſhall vppon the great and aparaunt conſideration of the graūt aforelayde, be for this graunt charged and contributorie, in lyke maner, forme, and ſort, as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, which be not in any wyſe priuiledged, be from ſuch graunt of Subſidie excepted.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that no Myſham, or Infant, within the age of one and twentie yeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maieſties dominions, ſhalbe charged to any payment of this Subſidie, for his or her goodes, and catteles, to hym or her left or bequeathed, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, that this acte, nor anye thyng therein conteyned, ſhall extende to the goodes or Landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hoſtell, within the Vniuerſities of Oxenforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or Landes of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Byſhoppe Wicchehame, or to the goodes or landes of the

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Colledge of Eaton next Windsor, or to the goods or landes of any common free grammer schole within the Realme of England or wales, or to the goodes of any Maister, Scholemaister, or Scholer, or any graduate within the sayde Universities and Colledges, or any of them, there remayning for studie, without fraude or coulor, or to the goodes and landes of any hospitall, almesdoue, or spiele house, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and releefe of poore people, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse not withstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that forasmuche as diuers and diuerse the Queenes Maiesties tenauntes, and other inhabitaunters and dwellers within the Countries of Pembroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Montgomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, Carnarvon, and of the Countie Palentine of Chester, be at this present tyme charged and chargeable with the seuerall paymentes of diuers great summes of money by the name of Wile, due to her Maiestie, according to the seuerall customes of the sayde Counties.

Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that this acte of Subsidie, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to charge any of the Queene tenauntes, and other inhabitauntes and dwellers within any of the sayde Counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Montgomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, Carnarvon, and the Countie Palatine of Chester, beyng charged or chargeable with the sayde Wile, for, or in any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidie graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this acte, vntyll the sayde seuerall dayes and tymes, for the payment of the sayde Wiles, shalbe expyred, and vntyl the dayes and tymes of the seuerall Subsidies, lately graunted to our late Soueraigne Lorde and Soueraigne Lady, kyng Philip, and Queene Marie, be also past and expired: and that then the fyrste payment of the sayde Subsidie graunted by this present acte, shalbe made at the receipt of the Queenes Exchequer, before the fyrst day of March next folowyng, after the last dayes of the last payment to be had or appoynted of the sayde Wiles, and of the payment of the sayde former subsidies. And the seconde payment of this Subsidie, to be made by or before the fyrst day of Marche next after the sayde fyrst payment of the sayd Subsidie.

Furthermore, be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the tenauntes and dwellers of euerye of the sayde Counties in this proviso remembred, shall seuerally before the feast of Pentecost next ensuyng, certifie into the sayde Court of Exchequer, vnder the seales of two Justices of peace of euery of the sayd Counties, whereof one to be of the Quorum, when and what day the last payment of the sayde

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leuerall Miles nowe due in any of the sayde Countes, shalbe and expyre.

Prouided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or anye other thyng therein conteyned, doo not in any wyse extende to be preiudicial or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or reliauntes at this present tyme within the fiue Portes corporate, or to any of theyr membres incorporate, or united to the same fiue Portes, or to anye of the same fiue Portes, of, or for any part or parcell of the sayde fyftenes graunted in this Parliament of the sayde inhabitauntes nowe reliaunt, or any of them, to be tayed, set, assed, leuyed, or payde. But the sayde inhabitauntes and reliauntes in the sayde fiue Portes, and theyr members, be and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, during theyr reliauncie there, and no longer, clearely acquited and discharged: any matter, or whatsoeuer thyng in this present acte had or made to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

God saue the Queene.

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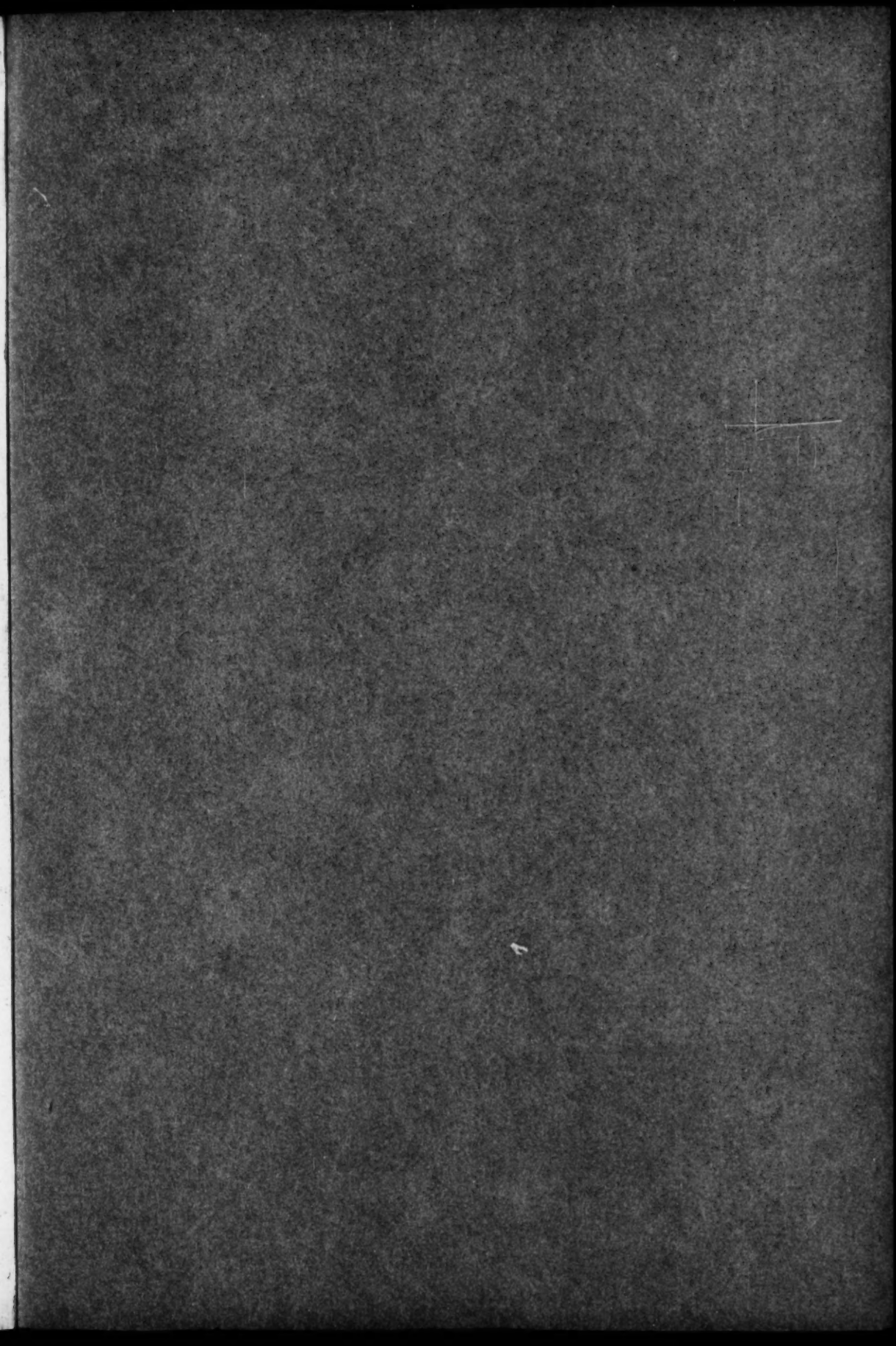

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